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INTRODUCTION.

LORD DARTMOUTH'S Manuscripts, in so far as they were at the time known to exist, were calendared by the Royal Commission in their Eleventh Report, 1887, Appendix, Part V.

Several years after the publication of that Report I had the opportunity, through the courtesy of the then Lord Lewisham, to examine those original manuscripts for the purpose of making such notes and memoranda as I should like to include in my own manuscript Catalogue Index of papers relating to America from 1763 to 1783 in the public and private archives of England, France, Holland, and Spain.

After the present Earl had succeeded to the title and estates several boxes of additional Manuscripts were found. These were placed at the disposal of the Royal Historical Commission, with the intimation that I might be allowed to consult them for my own Catalogue Index as before, and perhaps calendar the American portion for the Royal Commission. I had thus the honour of sorting this great mass of papers, of separating all that related to North America, and of cataloguing them for my own use. Many bundles appeared to have never been touched since they left the hands of the second Earl of Dartmouth and his Secretary in the last century, and some letters, curiously enough, had never been opened, the seals still remaining intact.

The Secretary of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts having asked me to furnish the Commission with a report on these additional American papers my compliance with his request here follows in 544 pages. As my own field of research is mostly limited to what is now the United States, I requested the assistance of my friend, Mr. Douglas Brymner, Archivist, who has devoted himself to forming the official collection of Canadian Manuscripts at Ottawa, to report on the papers relating to Canada, Nova Scotia, &c. Mr. Brymner's work extends from page 545 to 606. The copious Index to the whole volume is my own.

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These additional American papers have been arranged and subdivided into—(i.) Those relating to the original thirteen American Colonies and the War of Independence by which these Colonies became the United States; (ii.) Those relating in a more limited sense to the West India Islands; and (iii.) Those referring to the Colonies immediately north of the United States, as Canada, Labrador, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and St. John's Island.

The bulk of these Manuscripts come within the term of office of the second Earl of Dartmouth as Secretary of State for the American Department, though the dates actually range from 1676 to 1839. It is presumed that the few earlier papers are copies used as precedents in his official life; amongst them, however, is an original deed of sale of land by the Stockbridge Indians bearing seals and Indian totems. The later documents, that is, in the present century, relate to the portrait of Lord Dartmouth presented to Dartmouth College in America by his grandson.

The painstaking student of the American phase of English history will find it convenient to use the former Report of the Royal Commission upon Lord Dartmouth's Manuscripts in conjunction with this volume, in order to appreciate the very great historical and biographical importance of the entire collection. If these Calendars are compared with the *Documents relating to the Colonial History of New York*, the *New Jersey Archives*, the *New Hampshire Records*, *Force's American Archives*, and other American and English publications, the student will be gratified with the great number and value of connecting links, facts, incidents, and explanations here disclosed.

William, second Earl of Dartmouth, grandson of the first Earl, was born 20th June 1731. His father died the following year, and his mother subsequently (1736) married the Earl of Guilford, thus bringing into the same household the young Lord Dartmouth and Frederick (afterwards Lord) North, who was about two years older. Lord Dartmouth was educated at Marylebone, then at Westminster School, finally at Oxford, whence he and Frederick North accomplished the tour of the Continent. He had, meanwhile, on the death of his grandfather, 15th December

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1750, succeeded to the earldom. He took his seat in the House of Lords 31st May 1754, Mr. North about the same time being elected member for Banbury, for which borough he sat continuously till called to the House of Lords in December 1790 as Earl of Guilford. Lord Dartmouth married in 1755 Frances Catherine, daughter of Sir Charles Gunter Nicholl. Though we find him acting as Recorder of Sheffield, and occasionally speaking in Parliament, a contemporary sketch of his life says that from this period to 1765 his attachment to letters and to domestic life, together with a pious turn of mind, secluded him from the bustle of public affairs. High offices of State, however, had been filled by his grandfather, who was in his time Secretary of State, Lord Privy Seal, and Lord Justice, by his uncle Heneage, Baron of the Exchequer, and by Henry Bilson Legge, Chancellor. On the formation of Lord Rockingham's Ministry in 1765, which Mr. Lecky alludes to as a "Ministry of great families but of "young men, inexperienced, with two or three worn-out "veterans," and Lord Chesterfield as an "arch without its keystone" (Pitt), Lord Dartmouth, then thirty-four years old, was urged by the Duke of Newcastle to take office, and, like Grafton and Rockingham, got the better of his own inclination for the sake of the King and the public (*see* previous Calendar of Lord Dartmouth's Manuscripts, 11th Report, Appendix, Part V., p. 381). Lord Shelburne having been offered in the new Ministry his old place at the head of the Board of Trade, and, declining it in a pompous letter (Walpole), the post was conferred on Lord Dartmouth. He was at the same time sworn one of the Lords of Privy Council. The historian Bancroft, who seems to favour Shelburne, says, "the "refusal of Shelburne to act under Rockingham as President of "the Board of Trade left this important office to the young and "inexperienced Lord Dartmouth."

The new Ministry opened its career with meetings and measures to carry out in the fullest degree the Stamp Act passed in the previous February, but the utter opposition and resentment of the Colonies soon led to its abandonment and repeal (pp. 15–46). The feeling of the American provinces against the Act is here embodied in the formal resolutions of the Chambers of Virginia, Rhode Island, New York, Massachusetts,

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and New Jersey, and by those drawn up at town and county meetings. Their agents in London, notably Franklin for Pennsylvania, Dennys de Berdt for Massachusetts, Charles Garth for South Carolina, and others, forcibly represented the opinion of their constituents. General Phineas Lyman contributes long arguments against it, and the merchants of London and Birmingham petition for its repeal.

A letter from Dr. Fothergill, the well-known physician, is curious from its suggestion at this early date (29th August 1765) of Commissioners being chosen to go to America to confer with others appointed there on the subject of their complaints, intimating that such a conference would give a correct knowledge of the Americans and "avert the independence they seem to desire." (p. 18).

Though Lord Dartmouth in the month of January 1766 moved the Lords' reply to the King, vaguely pledging their utmost endeavours to support the King's dignity and the legislative authority of the kingdom over its colonies, yet almost immediately we find, apparently, his mind made up for the repeal of the Act, and the Earl of Huntingdon and the Earl of Chesterfield offering him their proxies in most impressive terms for that purpose (pp. 33, 36).

In the month of February 1766 Lord Rockingham seems to have been so thoroughly disturbed by the conduct of the Court party as to threaten an immediate resignation, and it now became Lord Dartmouth's turn to urge the claims of country against personal inclination. The letter is found in the *Memoirs of Rockingham*.

"The case is not yet desperate, and while there is the least shadow of hope of doing good, I would on no account give up the game to those who will, undoubtedly, do mischief. The Act once repealed, I shall heartily congratulate your Lordship upon a release from your fatigue. Your successors may then be left to enjoy the sweets of an honourable coalition and hug themselves in the possession of employment, which nothing but concern for the public good could make it worth your while to hold. It will be some time before they can contrive to get us into such another scrape; when they do it will be time enough to call upon Yourself & Co to deliver us from it."

The Stamp Act once repealed, the overthrow of the Whigs followed, and Lord Dartmouth held no office for some years. The letters, however, in these pages show that Lord Rockingham

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claims him as one of his party, till in January 1771 Lord Dartmouth refers to a "step taken contrary to Lord Rockingham's opinion" (p. 77), evidently that of his joining the Tory party. In 1772, on the resignation of the Secretary of State for the American Department, Lord North, now First Lord of the Treasury, wrote to Lord Dartmouth asking permission to recommend him to the King as successor to the vacant department (p. 86). This office of a third Secretary had been created in 1768 to relieve the other departments of the great and increasing pressure of American affairs, and had from that date been filled by Wills, Earl of Hillsborough, who had married Lord Dartmouth's aunt, Baroness Stawell, widow of Henry Bilson Legge.

It is stated that Dr. Franklin may have been partly instrumental in bringing about Lord Dartmouth's appointment, for when asked by a friend at Court if, should Lord Hillsborough be removed, he could name another likely to be more acceptable to the Americans, he answered, "Yes, there is Lord "Dartmouth, we liked him very well when he was at the head "of the Board formerly, and probably should like him again." His appointment was received in America with general joy, the greatest hopes being placed in his high character and anticipated influence in bringing to some amicable conclusion the disputes and prevailing irritation. He was at the same time First Lord of Trade, the two offices being united for him.

That Lord Dartmouth was looked up to by the Americans, and his aid sought in order to reconcile differences even before he took office as Secretary of State, is shown by the joint letter of Bowdoin, Pemberton, and Joseph Warren, three of the leading members of the popular party in Massachusetts, written from Boston, 23rd March 1770, transmitting, by order of a meeting held in Faneuil Hall, a copy of the proceedings relative to the massacre of the 5th, and expressing the desire of the town and province that the troops be removed, for which purpose they solicit his Lordship's interposition and influence (p. 72).

It was wittily said at a later date that Mr. Grenville lost America because he read the American despatches which his predecessors had never done, and it may be imagined that Lord

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Dartmouth's reading was not tranquillizing. He came into office at the moment when the Attorney and Solicitor Generals were occupied with their reports and opinions on the burning of the "Gaspee," an armed revenue schooner which had become a source of friction and very unpopular with the people of Rhode Island (p. 86 *et seq.*), which event the Attorney General describes as "of five times the magnitude of the Stamp Act" (p. 91).

Dr. Franklin in his correspondence relates his attending his Lordship's first levee, and his gratification at his reception, so different from that accorded to him by the previous Secretary. Dr. Franklin soon after delivered to Lord Dartmouth a petition from the Assembly of Massachusetts to the King. On Lord Dartmouth intimating that it would but offend His Majesty and bring down a reprimand on the Assembly, and that he was extremely unwilling that one of the first acts of his administration should be of so unpleasant a nature, Franklin promised to consult his constituents further, and the matter was accordingly postponed. It is curious to note that one of the last acts of Lord Dartmouth's administration was also in connection with an American petition to the King—the famous "Olive Branch," that drawn up by the second Congress of the United Colonies (*see* p. 353). The original, now in the Public Record Office, America and West Indies, Vol. 279, folio 251, bears only this endorsement, "Sept. 1st 1775. "Delivered to the Earl of Dartmouth by Messrs. Penn and "Lee." The first petition of Congress to the King in 1774 had also been put into Lord Dartmouth's hands, and, in Dr. Franklin's words, "he told us it was a decent and proper petition and cheerfully undertook to deliver it." (*See* page 241 and some correspondence in the previous Calendar.) The original of that petition is also in the Public Record Office, America and West Indies, Vol. 278, folio 471, and its duplicate original is considered one of the most precious papers among the Franklin Manuscripts in the State Department at Washington. Both petitions, with notes, are in Stevens's Facsimiles, Nos. 454 and 850.

Notwithstanding all his good dispositions towards America the Minister appears almost helpless in the current of circumstances. It may not be uninteresting to read on this point the

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opinion of one of the American patriots, Samuel Adams (Bancroft iv., 267):

"The present administration, even though the very good Lord Dartmouth is one of them, are as fixed as any of their predecessors in their resolution to carry their favourite point, an acknowledgement of the right of Parliament to make laws binding us in all cases whatever . . . . . His Majesty, in his answer to our late petitions, implies that the Parliament is the supreme legislature, and that its authority over the Colonies is the constitution. All allow the minister in the American department to be a good man. The great men in England have an opinion of us as being a mightily religious people, and suppose that we shall place an entire confidence in a minister of the same character. In fact, how many were filled with the most sanguine expectations when they heard that the good Lord Dartmouth was intrusted with a share in administration. Yet without a greatness of mind equal, perhaps superior, to his goodness, it will be impossible for him singly to stem the torrent of corruption. This requires much more fortitude than I yet believe he is possessed of. The safety of the Americans depends upon their pursuing their wise plan of union in principle and conduct."

Lord Dartmouth's well-meaning efforts in opening a private correspondence with Mr. Cushing, Speaker of the Massachusetts Assembly, was rejoiced at by the extreme faction in America as an act ignoring the Governor (pp. 158, 168, 175). The transmission by Dr. Franklin to Boston of the Hutchinson and Whately correspondence had so inflamed the minds of the people of that province that they formally demanded the removal of Governor Hutchinson and Lieutenant-Governor Oliver, which demand in its turn highly incensed the Home Government and the King. The attempt to force the East India Company's tea on the American Colonies was followed by the refusal to allow the ships to land or the destruction of the cargoes. The course of events may be easily followed in these pages. There are also (pp. 236, 264, &c.) traces of the informal negotiation opened with Dr. Franklin, then living in Craven Street, just before he started for America, by means of Dr. Fothergill, the physician, Mr. David Barclay, merchant, the Hon. Mrs. Howe, Lord Howe, and Lord Hyde, which extended over several weeks, and of which an interesting account is given by Dr. Franklin in his journal. On page 266 is Dr. Fothergill's letter to Lord Dartmouth on the subject, and on page 270 the "Plan for a *Permanent* Union."

Numerous papers from 1769 to 1773 relate to schemes of fresh settlement of American lands towards the west and south, the

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spirit of emigration from Europe being already a fact to be noticed (p. 181). Most important, perhaps, is the proposed Ohio Settlement—the rock on which Lord Hillsborough split as Secretary of the American Department. A proposed colony west of the Alleghany Mountains was to be called Pittsylvania (p. 75). A notification of the emigration of eighty souls from Fort Pitt to Fort Natchez is followed a little later by "Thoughts for erecting a new Government" there. Settlements on the Mississippi were strongly advocated by General Lyman, as is seen also in the American Manuscripts of the Lansdowne House Collection. In 1772 he proposes the erection of a "civil government" from the Bay of Mexico to the Ohio, and in this way to direct thither the emigration which is taking place from the settled lands in Connecticut to the country between Crown Point and the Connecticut River (p. 111). Two hundred Scotch families beg some encouragement to enable them to settle on that continent (p. 96). Lord Dartmouth himself owns 40,000 acres in East Florida, and William Gerard de Brahm, once Surveyor-General of America, tells his Lordship that he can find thirteen good French Protestant families to settle on it. He appears to be instrumental in forming for the purpose a Society called the Swizer or Cape Florida Society for which 8,000 acres are to be appropriated at a regular quit-rent. The terms and conditions, however, after much correspondence are finally thrown over by the members as unsuitable for a "society of free people," but the real objection seems to have been to Mr. de Brahm as agent. Mr. de Brahm's lengthy epistles are numerous, he transmits, too, a manuscript history of East Florida (p. 120), and various astronomical and religious treatises.

Reference also appears to the disputed grants of land west of the Connecticut River and known as the New Hampshire grants. William Samuel Johnson, Agent for Connecticut, acted in 1767 in London on behalf of the settlers on the disputed lands. He subsequently became President of Columbia College, New York. A Mr. Hawley was appointed by others, members of the Church of England, also to represent their case (p. 105). Paul Wentworth, another agent, finding that these settlers had formed part of the body of New England troops which had surprised

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Ticonderoga, denounces and repudiates them in a spirited letter (p. 363).

In the year 1774 are some original rolls of the Royalist Militia of different districts of the Province of New York, which rolls it is supposed escaped the fire at Fort George where, Governor Tryon says, a complete statement of the militia was lost (p. 215).

The correspondence multiplies in the year 1775, the last year of Lord Dartmouth's office. Most interesting are many private despatches from the governors and others in the different American provinces, notably Lord William Campbell of South Carolina, Lord Dunmore of Virginia, Martin of North Carolina, and Tryon of New York, each with its own tale of the anarchy and strife amongst the people, the acts of the provincial assemblies, the subversion of the Royal authority, and the final departure of the Royal governors.

Correspondence with Richard Oswald, a Scotch merchant in London, and of Achincrue, Ayrshire, who is commended to Lord Dartmouth by Mr. Secretary Pownall in a note on a wrapper (p. 268). According to Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice's *Life of Lord Shelburne*, Mr. Oswald originally became known to the Government as a contractor during the Seven Years War. Mr. Pownall says, "Your Lordship's uncle . . . . I believe, consulted him much in matters of commercial policy." The correspondence thus opened with the American Department culminated in 1782 in his appointment by Lord Shelburne as agent Plenipotentiary in Paris to negotiate the Treaty between England and America.

The numerous copies of intercepted letters in this year show the activity of the Post Office over the American mails. Many of them were enclosed within wrappers (*see* pp. 347, 376, 393), which still bear in the King's hand the exact hour and minute at which he received them. That the same activity extended to the French and Dutch mails in connection with the Home and Foreign Departments is shown by Lord Auckland's collection of Manuscripts, where, besides the copies of those intercepted, are letters in 1777 from Anthony Todd, the Secretary of the Post Office, giving glimpses of himself and his confidential "young men" engaged twelve hours on a stretch over the business.

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Lord Dartmouth's important despatches of the 2nd August 1775 (pp. 344–45), recalling General Gage, "the mild General" as the King calls him, and announcing reinforcements in troops, money, and supplies, receive added interest by being read with the King's letters to Lord North (Donne, Vol. I., Nos. 303–305). The employment of Indians is here based on the ground of the American people having been the first to enlist them in their service.

Bancroft, in his History, states that in the spring of this year the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts had sent messages to the Mohawks to persuade them either to take part with the Americans "or to stand neuter," and that it had won over the converted Indians settled at Stockbridge by presents of blankets and ribbon. Also, that on the formation of Washington's camp outside Boston, a number of these same Indians were armed with bows and arrows as well as guns, visiting that camp with their squaws and children.

On the other hand the Americans grounded their overtures towards the Indians on the action of Canadian emissaries who were reported to be seeking to influence these nations in favour of England.

The holograph unaddressed letter from Mr. Jefferson, of the 25th August 1775, was, I find since the entry was printed, intended for John Randolph. As joint author in 1774 of the Declaration by Congress setting forth the causes or necessity of taking up arms, and in the year following as sole author of the Declaration of Independence, Mr. Jefferson's words at this date are noticeable:—

"I wish no false sense of honor, no ignorance of our real intentions, no vain hope that partial concessions of right will be accepted may induce the ministry to trifle with accomodation till it shall be put even out of our own power ever to accomodate, if indeed Great Britain; disjoined from her Colonies, be a match for the most potent nations of Europe with the colonies thrown into their scale, they may go on securely, but if they are not assured of this, it would be certainly unwise, by trying the event of another campaign, to risque our accepting a foreign aid which perhaps may not be obtainable but on a condition of everlasting avulsion from Great Britain."

On the 9th of November 1775 the Duke of Grafton resigned the Privy Seal, disapproving of the measures pursued towards America. This led to various changes, Lord George Germain

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taking the American Department. The King seems to have had some difficulty in satisfying all parties; he wishes Lord Dartmouth to have the Southern Department, and though his affection for him is well known, he petulantly speaks of him as "unaccommodating" and "foolishly attached to the office of Privy Seal." Lord Dartmouth's own state of mind is well put forward in the following letters.

Mr. Robinson, Secretary to the Treasury and Leader of the House, writes from the House of Commons, 8th November, at 15 minutes past 4 p.m., that from the situation he perceives Lord North's mind is in, and the anxiety he expresses that his Lordship should agree to accept the seals of one of the old Secretaries of State, he hopes he will agree to do so.

Lord Dartmouth's reply is amongst the Marquis of Abergavenny's Manuscripts:—

"Dear Sir,

"The distress I see Lord North in deprives me not only of the power of expressing my thoughts to him, but even of collecting and digesting them myself. Be assured that if I take the seals that are offered me, I shall render myself ten times more miserable than I am. There is nothing I dread more than the appearance of impracticability, but you will allow me to say to you, that I think it is reasonable that a noble Viscount [Weymouth] should be expected to accomodate as myself; from what you told me to day I cannot but entertain a hope that he may still be prevailed upon to do it. I dare not ask Lord North to try, perhaps you may have an opportunity to get at those who may effect it, sure it was unfortunate that Lord N proposed the option. I think incoherently & therefore I must write so. the dread of a situation in wch I foresee no satisfaction to myself on one hand, & my love for Lord N. & regard to his peace of mind on the other tear me to pieces. I would with all my heart go quite out of employment, but that would look unkind to him—if you think you see a ray of light for me, let me know, and believe me always your most faithful humble Servant, Dartmouth."

Mr. Robinson sends another note from the House at 7 p.m., "Lord North this moment tells me that he will again apply to Ld Wey—th." Both the King and Lord North, however, wish his Lordship to accept the seal of Secretary of State

The next morning Mr. Robinson writes:—"Lord North after "leaving the House last night said he could never think of "pressing you to accept an office that would make you miser- "able." He is to see Lord Weymouth this morning, and it is hoped he will accept, in which case Lord Dartmouth would have the Privy Seal that day.

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Again at half-past two, Mr. Robinson sends a note that Lord Weymouth is to see the King for the purpose of settling, to which Lord Dartmouth replies:—

"Dear Sir,

"The suspence in which I have been since I received your note, is a state of no small Agony—relieve me if you can—sure I must have heard before this hour, if the interview had turned out as you expected, and things are going on well for

"Dear Sir,

"Your most obedient

"and faithful Servant

"Thursday Evening ½ past 9. D."

His suspense is shortly relieved by Mr. Robinson's letter (see p. 400), written after ten o'clock, stating that Lord Weymouth accepted the secretaryship referred to, and that the much desired Privy Seal was at Lord Dartmouth's disposal.

Lord Dartmouth retained the office of Privy Seal till the return of the Whigs in March 1782. That he was not quite satisfied during that time, may be inferred from a letter written to Lord North 13th September 1780, now amongst the Marquis of Abergavenny's Manuscripts:—

"My dear Lord,

"I have opened my mind more freely to Mr. Robinson than I could have done it to you, if you had had leisure to hear me, he may perhaps have repeated to you some part of what I said to him respecting both Lord Lewisham and myself; with regard to myself I have only to say that if other people are unmindful of me, you are in a situation that gives you opportunity to remind them whenever you think fit; as to Lord L. . . . it is employment that I desire for him . . . . a seat at the board of trade would not now, I believe, be acceptable to him and . . . . he would not receive my approbation if he should accept of it. You will think perhaps that I hold myself pretty high upon this occasion; it may be so but you must pardon my freedom, if I say that neither your plea of old promises, nor your impatient and unfriendly manner with me, have convinced me that I am wrong; however, my attachment to you, is formed upon such grounds, that no ill-treatment that I may think I receive can ever make me cease to wish well to your administration, or to be my dear Lord, your affectionate faithful humble Servant.—D."

It is recorded in one of Mr. Toplady's letters that about October 1776 it was "strongly represented," and believed that Lord Dartmouth should have the Lord Lieutenancy of Ireland. "If," adds Mr. Toplady, "he should be sent with a land tax in his right hand, I shall heartily wish him safe back again."

Records of the part taken by Lord Dartmouth in Parliamentary debate are not numerous. Subsequent to the Cyder

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Bill of 1763 which he attacked, and his condemnation of Brecknock's *Droit le Roi*, 1764, they relate to American affairs.

1st Feb. 1775 - Debate in the Lords on the Earl of Chatham's Provisional Act for settling the troubles in America.

21st Mar. - Debate on the Bill for restraining the Trade and Commerce of the New England Colonies.

17th May - Debate on Lord Camden's Bill to repeal the Quebec Government Act.

26th Oct. - Debate in the Lords on the Address of Thanks. (America—"The measures of "last Session were directed to the protec- "tion of the Province of Massachusetts "Bay entirely.")

1st Nov. - Debate on employing Foreign troops without the consent of Parliament.

8th Nov. - Debate on a Motion "That the Petition of "the Congress of America to the King "affords ground of conciliation."

16th Nov. - Debate on the Duke of Grafton's Motion respecting the British Forces in America.

14th Mar. 1776 Debate on the Duke of Grafton's Proposition for Conciliation with America.

7th Dec. 1779 - Debate on the Duke of Richmond's Motion for an Economical Reform of the Civil List Establishments. The public expenditure (mostly in connection with the War in America) Richmond said was lavish and wasteful to a shameful degree.

In the Coalition Ministry, April to December 1783, Lord Dartmouth served as Steward of the Household, and in 1786 he was given by Lord North the High Stewardship of Oxford University.

Both Lord and Lady Dartmouth were strongly attached to the evangelical sect organized by the Countess of Huntingdon. Lord Dartmouth had been introduced to her by her cousin the then Countess of Guilford, third wife of Francis, Lord North, Earl of Guilford. Lord Dartmouth so identified himself with

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the connection that, as early as 1767, during a serious illness of Lady Huntingdon, he was spoken to concerning the taking over of her chapels in the event of any such exigency. His house at Sandwell, near Birmingham, was the resort of many of the preachers, and Lady Dartmouth's drawing-room at Cheltenham was opened for religious meetings. In this way he became acquainted with Whitefield, who calls him "the Daniel of the age," Wesley, Toplady, Hervey, Romaine, Venn, Rector of Huddersfield, and other eminent supporters of Calvinistic Methodism. In the present Calendar, limited as it is to American affairs, many names are recognized as belonging to the same circle, notably the rich merchant John Thornton, "who "expended an ample fortune in the most splendid charity, and "who preceded Simeon in the practice of purchasing advowsons "and bestowing them on evangelical preachers" (*Lecky* III., 123). Other names are Lord Bath, Rev. Martin Madan (pp. 407, 528) of the Lock Chapel, to which Lord Dartmouth and Baron Smythe gave the weight of their rank and influence, Rev. Mr. Rawlings (p. 472, &c.) formerly a student at Oxford, and for forty years Vicar of Padstow, and the Rev. Bryan Broughton, Rector of All Hallows, Lombard Street, Secretary to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts and one of the original Methodists at Oxford. It was Lord Dartmouth who prevailed on the Bishop of Lincoln to ordain John Newton, and it is well known that his Lordship is alluded to by Cowper in the words "who wears a coronet and prays." It was also Lord Dartmouth who accompanied the Countess of Huntingdon and the Duchess of Ancaster in her audience with their Majesties to remonstrate on the balls and routs held by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and to Lord Dartmouth the King expressed his agreeable surprise at finding Lady Huntingdon so different from what he had expected.

The very interesting letters and papers in connection with the Indian Charity School in Lebanon, Connecticut, first started by the Rev. Eleazer Wheelock, and which afterwards developed into Dartmouth College, should not fail to be noticed. The entire text of those from Dr. Wheelock has in most cases been given, others are from Nathaniel Whitaker, who in 1766 came to England with Samson Occom, Dr. Wheelock's first Indian

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scholar, to rouse interest and gain subscriptions for extending the scheme. I have elsewhere in a footnote (p. 12) directed attention to Chase and Lord's history of the College. The letter from Dr. Wheelock of 22nd December 1768 transmitting specimens of Indian merchandise is by a regrettable misprint on page 65 dated from London instead of from Lebanon. In 1767, Trustees being nominated, Lord Dartmouth was appointed President of the Board, John Thornton, Treasurer, and Robert Keen, a woollen-draper in the Minories, Secretary. In 1773, Thornton writes (p. 132) of 500*l.* he is willing to give towards the building of the College. In 1776 he begs that the safety of the College might be recommended to both General Sir William Howe and his brother the Admiral. In 1826 a question arises as to the whereabouts of a full-length portrait of the Earl by Copley, supposed to have been in the College but not to be found. His grandson kindly supplying another, it is detained on its way to its destination by the citizens of New York, and at their request placed for the day of the National anniversary, the 4th of July, in its case, beside the portraits of Washington, Franklin, and other eminent Americans (pp. 489–492).

Many interesting, if perhaps partisan, letters are from Ambrose Serle, who had been in Lord Dartmouth's service while Secretary of State, is appointed in January 1776 Clerk of Reports, and who accompanies the British Army in America from 1776 to 1778, in what capacity exactly does not appear, but that part of the time in New York he had control of the press. While recounting the military or general occurrences he writes very freely his own reflections and opinions:—

"Among the causes of the present Civil War is one which . . . . . may probably hinder more than any, all the Endeavours for Peace and Reconciliation . . . . Religion, added to the very active and unbecoming Part the Preachers here of all Denominations have taken in these Controversies . . . . the War is at the Bottom very much a religious War, and every one looks to the Establishment of his own Party upon the Issue of it." "Among other Engines, which have raised the present Commotion next to the indecent Harangues of the Preachers, none has had a more extensive or stronger Influence than the Newspapers of the respective Colonies. One is astonished to see with what Avidity they are sought after and how implicitly they are believed, by the great Bulk of the People. The Congress saw the necessity of securing this Advantage entirely to themselves, and of preventing all Publications, which might either expose or refute the Policy of their Measures. A free Press, however, teeming with heterogeneous Matters, would at least have retarded their great Design Government may find it expedient in

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the Sum of things, to employ this popular Engine, and if it be impossible to restrain the Publication of Falsehood, it will be its Interest to give Power and Facility to the Circulation of Truth."

While he sees all the distress of the people, the want of government or misgovernment of the leaders, the poor remnants of their army, he yet feels the significance of their Declaration of Independence, which the Government persists in ignoring.

"If it be not too much Presumption to say what has been uniformly my own Opinion, the Idea of treating with the Rebel Leaders, after their Declaration of Independence, and much more after their refusal to treat with us but upon that ground has given us a Wound, wch only the future Vigor of our Arms can heal . . . . unless we beat and beat down too, all Men that oppose us with Arms, I believe we have no other human means for the Possession of America."

Once conquered, too, he foresees that future policy must be fundamentally adjusted, suggesting an American Constitution, co-ordinate with the British, otherwise the country would *naturally* shake off British authority in half a century. He recommends Joseph Galloway of Pennsylvania, forwarding some of his long and interesting letters to Richard Jackson (solicitor to the Board of Trade, King's Counsel, and M.P. for New Romney from 1768 to 1784) on the subject of the government of America, besides letters on the state of the country as he viewed it. Mr. Galloway supplies Lord Dartmouth with a number of American statistics (pp. 454–5), and arguments against the proposed evacuation of Philadelphia (p. 466).

Another correspondent and intimate friend is Sir James Adolphus Oughton of Caroline Park, near Edinburgh, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in Scotland. It was he who introduced Dr. Beattie, in whose Journal (Forbes' *Life of Beattie*) are many references to Lord Dartmouth's courtesy and kindness. Yet another is James Hutton, the Chief of the Moravians in London and a well-known figure of the period.

Lord Dartmouth received, like his successor in the American Department, Lord George Germain, various "Opinions of the best Measures to be pursued towards America," "Thoughts on the disputes" and "Schemes of Union," more or less practicable, many of them without names or dates, but some bearing the names of Lord Drummond, Lord Hyde, Lord Marchmont, Paul Wentworth, and William Knox.

William Knox, Under Secretary of State in the American Department for more than twelve years, is well known as a political writer. Paul Wentworth, who has already been

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mentioned in connection with the New Hampshire Grants, turned his attention towards supplying the Government with secret information of the attitude of France and Holland towards the Colonies. He was later frequently employed confidentially by the Southern or Foreign Department to discover the exact position in which the American Commissioners at Paris (Dr. Franklin, Deane, and Lee) stood with the French Ministry. One of his stipulations for remuneration was that of a seat in Parliament, and it is curious to note that he did obtain his wish for the short period of two and a half months, being elected for Saltash, 12th July 1780, which borough it is stated in the history of the Secret Service of George III. was "under the arrangement of Government with attention." The Parliament dissolved 1st September following.

This notice would not be complete without a reference to the indefatigable Under Secretary, John Pownall. For many years Secretary to the Board of Trade and Plantations he became, in addition, when the office of Colonial Secretary was created, Under Secretary of State to that Department, filling both offices under Lord Hillsborough and Lord Dartmouth. He was returned to Parliament 23rd November 1775 for St. Germans borough just after Dartmouth's resignation as Secretary of State, and 31st May 1776 was appointed one of the Commissioners of Excise, which may be the "cup of comfort" alluded to by himself on page 412. He was a brother of the better known Governor Thomas Pownall.

The manuscripts relating more exclusively to the West India possessions are chiefly letters from the various Governors and Lieutenants-Governors and others on the affairs pertaining to the local governments, letters from applicants for the governorships and other posts, descriptions of the islands, &c.

The manuscripts touching Canada, Labrador, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and St. John's Island have, as already stated, been calendared by Mr. Douglas Brymner.

The papers relating to the province of Quebec range from 1757 to 1792 (pp. 545–573). From 1764 to 1772 they chiefly relate to the serious question of the establishment of courts and the impartial administration of justice in a newly acquired territory whose inhabitants had both language and laws of their

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own, to the question of the position of the Roman Catholics and to that of the legislative powers of the Governor and Council. Attention may be called to the additional instructions to Governor Murray as to the composition of juries in cases of British born subjects or Canadians; a long report of the Attorney and Solicitor General on the measures for removing the various causes of complaints in the civil government 1766 (p. 552); abstract of such of the regulations proposed in Mr. Solicitor General's Report as it may be expedient to establish by Act of Parliament, 6th December 1772; and abstract of such as the Provincial Legislature of Quebec may carry into execution. In 1773 and 1774 are drafts, memoranda, and correspondence on the constitutional change known as the Quebec Act. Here are many of the letters of Roubaud, a Jesuit priest and unprincipled man, who for many years continued to weary the Government with his persistent claims for attention and remuneration.

Part of the papers on Labrador (pp. 574–580) deal with the mission and settlement of the Moravians at Esquimaux Bay. Their first attempt to establish a mission in Labrador was frustrated by the murder of the missionaries, but in 1764 the attempt was renewed. In 1769 an Order in Council was framed favouring the mission and granting the land desired by them. James Hutton, as Secretary to the Brethren's Mission, supplies Lord Dartmouth with reports of their proceedings. The other papers relate to George Cartwright and his seal and salmon fishing posts, and to the general regulations he proposes for the fisheries there.

Of the few papers touching Newfoundland the most important are on the fortifications of St. John and Placentia.

Those relating to Nova Scotia are more numerous. In 1766 are memorials, proposals, &c., of Colonel Alexander McKnott for a settlement of lands on a large scale. The later papers 1775–1778 should be read with those of corresponding date calendared in the previous Report already noticed, especially such as relate to the dispute between Governor Legge and his Government. Here are Governor Legge's reply to the petitions brought against him, his defence of his conduct, and the report of the Board of Trade to the King. The Board, while finding that the

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Governor "hath been wanting in that Gracious and Conciliating "Deportment which the delicacy of the times and the Temper "of Men . . . . demanded," acquitted him of the charges put forward, though they recommended he should not be allowed to return to the Island.

An interesting pamphlet (p. 601) relating to St. John's Island, now Prince Edward Island, is that containing Lord Egmont's application for a grant of the whole island, with proposals for an elaborate system of settlement and tenure. This application was disallowed, but in 1767 the Island was mapped out into various estates, most of which were disposed of in a great lottery held at the Board of Trade. In 1769 the Island was erected into a separate Government, but the failure of the proprietors in their agreement to pay such quit rent as should meet the Government charges, or, indeed, any quit rent at all, soon produced confusion and abuses which never rectified themselves, till, in our own time, the whole of the estates of the absentee proprietors were compulsorily bought up and the Island itself made a Province of the Dominion of Canada.

Several bound manuscript volumes are in this collection, one in red morocco, gilt, entitled, "Transactions in America relative to the Boston Port Act, &c., in 1774," was apparently drawn up for the King; another, in brown morocco, entitled "Massachusetts Bay, 1775," contains copies of correspondence between Lord Dartmouth and General Gage for that year; a third is a list of offices, officers, how appointed, salary, and how paid, of the various Colonies in America and the West Indies; and a fourth is a folio volume bound in calf containing the names of persons recommended as Governors, law officers and others in America, by whom they were recommended, and dates and references to the letters of recommendation.

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MANUSCRIPTS OF THE EARL OF DARTMOUTH (FURTHER REPORT).

PART I.

LETTERS AND PAPERS RELATING TO THE THIRTEEN AMERICAN COLONIES.

CHARLES [II.] to HERBERT JEFFREYS, Esq., SIR JOHN BERRY, knight, and FRANCIS MORISON, Esq.

1676, October 3. Whitehall.—Commission to enquire into the divisions, disturbances, and disorders in Virginia. To receive every assistance from the Governor and other officials in the Plantation. To have what further assistance they think necessary from England. The opinion of two Commissioners to be the minimum.

Copy. 4½ *pages.* [Also in the Public Record Office, Colonial Entry Book 80, pp. 83–85.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a Commission to enquire into grievances in Virginia.

VIRGINIA.

[1676.]—Paper endorsed: Copy of the 6th Article of Additional Instructions to the Commissioners of Virginia. "You shall declare void and null all the proceedings of the late Assembly wherein the said Nathaniel Bacon and his Accomplices were pardoned, and force and violence offered to the Assembly."

½ *page.*

Note.—Mr. W. Noel Sainsbury, in his Calendar of State Papers preserved in the Public Record Office, indicates a number of documents relating to the rebellion of Nathaniel Bacon in Virginia.

VIRGINIA.

[1676.]—Paper endorsed: Copy of the 6th Article of the propositions of the Inhabitants of Virginia respecting a new Charter. "That there shall be no Tax or Imposition laid on the People of Virginia but by their own consent."

¾ *page*

COLLEGE of WILLIAM AND MARY in VIRGINIA.

169⅔, February 8. Westminster.—Charter of Incorporation. The endowment to be 2,000*l.* English money. The Bishop of London ap-

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pointed first Chancellor for seven years, after which the governing body to elect their own Chancellor.

Certified true copy by Henry Rooke, Clerk of the Rolls. In Latin. 19 *large pages* (*stamped paper*).

Queen Mary to the Governor of New York [Benjamin Fletcher].

1694, August 21. Whitehall.—(Signed at foot J. Trinchard.) Upon the petition of William Penn to be restored to the Government of Pennsylvania, the country of Newcastle and dependencies, and his assurances to provide for the safety and security of the province, he is restored to the administration, and thereby is revoked part of the commission to the Governor of New York of 21 October 1692. The orders to the colonies and provinces of the Northern parts of America, dated 11 October 1692, to assist New York against her enemies not having been attended to, William Penn and the Governors of Massachusets Bay, Virginia, Maryland, and Rhode Island have orders to raise men for the defence and security of New York. Mr. Penn has orders to establish militia in Pennsylvania and Newcastle for the assistance of New York when required.

Copy. 5¼ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of Queen Mary's letter to the Governor of New York, 1694.

Note.—Sir John Trenchard 1650—1695, Secretary of State 1693.

The Queen to the Governor of Rhode Island.

1694, August 21. Whitehall.—Extract. The quota of militia to be furnished by Rhode Island and Providence for the assistance of New York is not to exceed 48 men. The Governor of New York instructed not to demand a larger force.

2 *pages.*

Church of England in America.

[Not dated, ? about 1700.]—Paper headed, "The Case of His Majesty's Subjects, Members of the Church of England, in America." Detrimental effect the want of bishops has upon the Church of England in America. Desirability of appointing them. Archbishop Tenison's approbation of the scheme, gives 1,000*l.* towards completing it.

2⅓ *pages.*

Endorsed:—The case of the Members of the Church of England in America.

Westenhook Patent.

1708, October 24. In Council at the fort at New York.—Edward Viscount Cornbury, Captain General, Governor-in-Chief, and Vice-Admiral over New York, Letters Patents for grant of land to Peter Schuyler, Derick Wessels, John Abeel, Jan Janse Bleecker, Ebenezer Willson, Peter Vanconnier, Doctor Daniell Cock, Thomas Whenham,

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Henry Smith. For a grant of land known as Westenhook in accordance with Letters Patents of Queen Anne, dated 6 March 1705.

Copy. Certified by Goldsbrow Banyar, D. Secretary, 16 September 1760. 8½ *pages.*

Endorsed :—Copy of the Westenhook patent, 6 March 1708. Westenhook. Agreement.

Revenue in New York.

17$\frac{10}{11}$, March 1. St. James's.—Copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council. Upon a representation of the Lords of Trade of the 16th February previous as to the "Difficulties of obtaining the settlement of a Revenue at New York." Ordered that heads of a bill be drawn up and laid before Parliament "for enacting a Standing Revenue" equal to the usual allowances in the Province of New York.

2 *pages.*

Revenue in New York.

17$\frac{10}{11}$, March 13.—Copy of a Paper endorsed, "Heads of an Act for granting a Revenue to Her Majesty to arise within the Province of New York in America for the Support of that Government."

3½ *pages.*

Massachusetts Bay.

1711, June 9 and 12.—Paper endorsed, "Extract from an Abstract of the Journal of the proceedings of the Governor, Council, and Assembly of the Province of the Massachusets Bay in New England." Concerning "the raising, encouraging, support, and paying of the Soldiers appointed for the Quota of this province." "Voted, the emitting of a proclamation for encouraging the expedition."

1⅔ *pages.*

New York.

N. D. Endorsed [1711, query in error for 1700 or 1701].—"Extract of a Letter for His Majesty's Signature to the Earl of Bellomont, relating to the security of New York." In case of an invasion of New York, the other Colonies are to furnish a certain quota of men, or money in the place of it.

1¼ *pages.*

Lord Dartmouth to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations.

1712, August 21. Whitehall.—Expressing the Queen's displeasure at prisoners being sent home "in Custody from the Plantations, without any Evidence of their Crimes." The Board to write to the Governors requesting them not to send any more prisoners without full proofs of their guilt.

Copy. 1 *page.*

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Board of Trade to Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica.

1712, August 27. Whitehall.—(Lord Guilford, Ph. Meadows, Arthur Moore, and J. Hynde Cotton).

Copy. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—Copy letter to Lord Archibald Hamilton, Governor of Jamaica, directing him not to send over any persons as prisoners without transmitting at the same time full proof of their guilt. Dated August 27th, 1712.

A memorandum on the same subject follows. These three papers are in a wrapper marked "Precedent in regard to persons sent over prisoners from the Plan^{s}."

$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*

Revenue in New York.

1713, May 4. St. James's.—Copy of an Order in Council. With regard to the complaints against the New York General Assembly made in a letter from the Lords of Trade to Earl Dartmouth, it is "Ordered that Draught of a Bill 'for granting a Revenue to Her Majesty in that Province' be recommended to the consideration of the House of Commons."

1½ *pages.*

Regulation of Governments in America.

N. D.—Copy of "A Bill for the better Regulation of Charter and Proprietary Governments in America, and for the Encouragement of the Trade of this Kingdom and of Her Majesty's Plantations."

4 *pages.*

Instructions to Samuel Shute.

1716.—Copy of the 27th Article of the General Instructions for Samuel Shute, Esq., His Majesty's Governor of the Massachusets Bay, in New England, 1716. "His Majesty particularly requires and commands that no Money or value of Money whatsoever be given or granted by any Act or Order of Assembly to any Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander-in-Chief of the said Province, which shall not according to the Stile of Acts of Parliament in Great Britain be mentioned to be given and granted unto His Majesty."

1¾ *pages.* [The Instructions in full are in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 43, fo. 418.]

Carolina.

1720, July 28. Thursday.—Extract from the journal of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations. "Their Lordships then taking Notice to Mr. Ashley and Mr. Danson of a Report spread Abroad, as if the Lords Proprietors of Carolina had disposed of their Government and Property in Carolina, and recommending it to them, that His Majesty might have the Refusal thereof, they acknowledged that they were in Treaty for Disposing of it." Necessity for strengthening the Province with white people.

1¼ *pages.*

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Carolina.

1720, September 27. Whitehall.—Order in Council.
Copy. 2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of an Order of Council, dated 27th September 1720, for bringing a *Scire facias* to resume the Carolina Charter.

Virginia.

1728, December 10.—Francis Fane. Report to the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations. Consideration of an Act passed in Virginia laying a duty on imported slaves and appointing a treasurer. "The first Act of this kind which met with an opposition from the Merchants of Great Britain was passed in the year 1723, and laid the same duty of 40*s.* a head upon all Negroes imported into Virginia." Its effects upon the trade of Virginia. Two reasons why this Act is not fit to be passed into law.
Copy. 5¾ *pages.*

Endorsed.—Copy of Mr. Fane's Report upon an Act passed in Virginia, 30th March 1728, for laying a duty on slaves imported, &c. (No. 1.)

Note.—Francis Fane, M.P. for Taunton 1728, 1734, Petersfield 1741, Ilchester 1747, a commissioner for trade; died member for Lyme Regis 28 May 1757 aged 59. His brother Thomas succeeded as eighth Earl of Westmoreland.

Trade and Manufactures in the Colonies.

1734, *Aprilis* 5, *Veneris.*—Report, in the form of resolutions, of the Committee "appointed to Consider the Representation of the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations laid before this House the 23rd of January last, relating to the Laws made, Manufactures set up, and Trade carried on in any of His Majesty's Colonies and plantations in America, which may have affected the Trade, Navigation, and Manufactures of this Kingdom."
MS. 2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—1734. Report Committee on Representation, Trade, and Plantations.

Greenwich Hospital Charges.

1741–64.—Paper endorsed, "Money remitted from the several Ports in America towards the Support of Greenwich Hospital, being an Abatement out of Merchant Seamen's Wages, after the rate of sixpence a Man a Month."
1 *page.*

New York.

1746, March 3.—The King's Warrant for George Clarke, Esq., late Lieutenant-Governor of New York, to be paid the sum of 4,000*l.* (arising from the duty of 4½ per cent. from Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands) for services rendered and losses sustained during the insurrection and burning of New York Fort in 1741 by Romish Priests and rebellious negroes.
Copy. 1¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—King's Warrant, Geo. Clarke, Esq., 4,000*l.*, out of 4½ per cent., on a report from the Auditor of the Plantations. (Copy.)

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New Hampshire.

1752, August 14.—D. Ryder and W. Murray, Attorney and Solicitor General. Opinion on the right of the Crown to resume lands in New Hampshire.

Copy. 2¼ *pages.* [The original signed paper is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, New Hampshire, Vol. 3, B. 47.]

Appeals.

Three papers marked:—Instruction concerning Appeals before 1753.

7½ pages in all.

New Hampshire Militia.

1755, February 5. Boston.—William Shirley, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of Massachusetts Bay. Commission to Robert Noble as Captain of the fifth Company of Foot in the Southern Regiment of Militia, county of New Hampshire, John Worthington, Colonel. Signed W. Shirley, and J. Willard, Secretary.

Original. 1 *page. With seal.*

1755, February 5. Boston.—The same to Thomas Whitney as Lieutenant.

Original. 1 *page. With seal.*

Memorandum on back:—To insist to have the people quieted till the matter can be dissided.

Massachusetts Bay.

1755, April 26. Province of the Massachusetts Bay.—Report of the Committee appointed to consider the petition of William Joiner and others respecting the distressed circumstances of the people in the Province Lands, &c. Read in the House of Representatives 26 April, accepted and sent up for concurrence. Read in Council 28th April and sent down for concurrence. Read and concurred in the House of Representatives same day. Copy examined by Thomas Clarke, Deputy Secretary.

Copy certified. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Committee's Report about Lands west of Sheffield. Copy.

College of Philadelphia.

1755, May 14.—Copy of the additional charter of the College, Academy and Charitable School of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania. The trustees to be capable of purchasing and taking lands or estates for the use of the College, &c. To have one public and one privy seal. Degrees to be granted to students. This charter to be good in the law. The estate, &c., of the corporation not to exceed 5,000*l.* sterling per annum.

11 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Pennsylvania Charter.

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Indian Congress.

1755, December 15–18. Augusta.—Abstract of Proceedings at a Conference held at Augusta in the Colony of Georgia on Monday 15th December 1755, between William Little, Esq., a Commissioner on behalf of His Excellency John Reynolds, Esq., Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of His Majesty's Colony of Georgia and Vice-Admiral of the same, and the head men and deputies of the Upper Creek nation of Indians.

4¼ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Levy.

Secretary H. Fox to Colonel Webb.

1756, March 31. Whitehall.—Marked secret. On his arrival in North America to "make the strictest inquiry, in conjunction with Sir Charles Hardy, into the author or authors of the two anonymous letters, lately intercepted from America, addressed to the Duc de Mirepoix." George Croghan supposed to be the author. Sends under flying seal his letter to recall Governor Shirley.

Copy. 1¾ *pages.*

Note.—A biographical notice of George Croghan, Deputy Agent for Indian affairs and an influential man among the Indians, is given in O'Callaghan's "Documents relative to the Colonial History of New York," VII., 982.

Secretary H. Fox to the Earl of Loudon.

1756, May 7. Whitehall.—Marked secret. Acquainting him of the steps taken with respect to the two anonymous intercepted letters from America addressed to the Duc de Mirepoix. Since the departure of Colonel Webb a duplicate of the second intercepted letter has been sent to Londonderry in Ireland by a person under the name of James Allen of Philadelphia under cover of the enclosed letter to Mr. Gamble of that place.

Copy. 1¼ *pages.*

Deed of Sale of Land from the Stockbridge Indians.

1756, May 25.—For 200*l.* to Robert Noble, Thomas Whitney, Japhet Hunt, and John McArthur. Hampshire, May 27th, 1756. Certified by Joseph Dwight, J.P., to be the free act and deed of the above-named Indians. Springfield, March 17th, 1757. Received and recorded in the Records for the County of Hampshire, Libro y folio 575, &c., &c. Examined by Edward Pynchon, Registrar.

Original signed (Indian marks) with *six seals.*

Endorsed:—A deed of the Stockbridg Ingems. To Robert Noble and others.

Spencer Town Liberty of Purchase.

1756, Friday, August 27. Boston.—Massachusetts Bay House of Representatives. Order concerning the petition of Trueman Powell and others, empowering them to purchase land from the Stockbridge

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Indians similar to that lately sold to Captain Robert Noble; also appointing Eldad Taylor to see that justice is done in the affair.

Copy certified by A. Oliver. 1¼ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Spencer Town Liberty of Purchase of the Indians.

Deed of Sale of Land from the Stockbridge Indians.

1756, September 27.—To Truman Powell, Joseph Chillenden, Joel Spencer, and several others, for the sum of 230*l.*, New York currency. Hampshire, Sheffield, September 27th, 1756. Acknowledged by the Indians before Timothy Woodbridge, J.P., to be their own act and deed. Received March 20th, 1760, and recorded from the original per Edward Pynchon, Registrar.

Copy certified. 2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Indian Deed to Truman Powell and others. *Copy.*

Note.—Timothy Woodbridge, schoolmaster in Stockbridge from 1734; a magistrate and counsellor; died 1774.

Rhode Island.

1756–64.—Extracts from the proceedings of the Rhode Island Assembly, held at Newport on the fourth Monday in August 1756, 21st of September 1762, and at East Greenwich on the last Monday in February 1764. The first proceedings relate to the Act for calling in and sinking bills of credit emitted by this Colony, called Crown Point Bills; the second, to an Act for supplying the General Assembly with 8,000*l.*, by levying a tax upon this Colony; the third, to "An Act for the more Speedy calling in and sinking all the outstanding Bills of Credit, emitted by Verdict of an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony made and passed at their Session held by Adjournment at providence on the 18th Day of March A.D. 1750 (which is called the ninth Bank) and were let out upon Loan; And likewise for putting a final End to the name of Old Tenor, throught this Colony." Concludes with a rhyming protest against the last Act by James Barker, junior.

"N.B.—Mr. Barker was then a Member of the Lower House. The foregoing Extracts were taken from printed Schedules published by Authority."

2¾ *pages.*

Deed of Sale of Land by the Stockbridge Indians.

1757, March 15.—For 26*l.*, to John Halmbeck, William Halmbeck, Andrew Reas, and several others, amongst whom are Benjamin Franklin and Benjamin Franklin, junior. Hampshire, March 16, 1757. Sworn to before Timothy Woodbridge, J.P., to be the free and voluntary act and deed of the said Indians. April 7th, 1768. Received and recorded from the original per Mark Hopkins, Registrar.

Copy certified. 1¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—The Deed of Rawkawnuck. 2/6.

1758, November 22.—Another Deed of Sale of Land by the same Indians for 250*l.* to Samuel Robbins, Asa Douglass, and several others, amongst whom are Benjamin Willard and Andrew Stevens. Hamp-

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shire, Sheffield, January 26th 1759. Sworn to by the said Indians to be their act and deed before Coram Joseph Dwight, J.P. Certified by Goldsbrow Banyar.

Copy. 3¼ *pages.*

Endorsed:—22nd November 1758. Copy Indian Deed to Samuel Robbins and others. No. 1.

Thomas Whitney.

1758, December 7, Springfield.—Writ served upon Thomas Whitney to appear at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Northampton in New Hampshire on the second Tuesday in February next to answer the charge of not paying Ebenezer Fletcher the sum of 7*l.* 9*s.*, New York currency.

Original signed and sealed. 1 *small quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Rit from Boston.

On the back are several figures, apparently calculations.

Mr. Secretary Pitt to His Majesty's Governors.

1758, December 9.—"The King is further pleased to furnish all the Men so raised as above with Arms, Ammunition, and Tents, as well as to order Provisions to be issued to the same by His Majesty's Commissaries in the same proportion and manner as is done to the rest of the King's Forces." . . . . "The whole therefore that the King expects and requires from the several Provinces is, the Levying, Cloathing, and paying the Men." Parliament in the next session is to be recommended to make a proper compensation for the services rendered by the respective Provinces.

Extract. 1⅓ *pages.*

Mr. Secretary Pitt to the North American Governors.

1758, December 9.—Extracts. "The King is further most graciously pleased to permit me to acquaint you, that strong Recommendations will be made to Parliament in their Session next year, to grant a proper compensation for such Expenses, according as the active Vigour and strenuous Efforts of the respective Provinces shall justly appear to merit." In the second extract each Governor is asked to induce the Council and Assembly of his Province to raise at least as large a body of men as they did for the last campaign.

1¼ *pages.*

Georgia. Bosomworth Lands.

Memorandum of proceedings from 1739 to 1759, with reference to lands obtained from the Indians, now part of the Province of Georgia, and claimed by Thomas Bosomworth, whose right to a portion of it is further disputed by a Mr. Levy.

1½ *pages.*

1757, November 25 and December 7.—Extracts of two letters from Governor Ellis, Georgia, to the Lords of Trade. With reference to the purchase of the Bosomworth lands. These extracts are followed

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by observations tending to show that the Governor and Bosomworth had laid their heads together to the prejudice of Mr. Levy, whose case is now before the Lords of Trade.
2¼ *pages.*

"A Case relating to Lands taken, by instructions from the Crown, and afterwards restored," possibly to serve as a precedent for the above. "In the year 1732 Samuel Waldo and others propriators of certain Lands petitioned His Majesty to be restored to Lands taken and withheld from them by instructions from the Crown to David Dunbar, which petition was refered to the Lords of the Committy. Whereupon they reported to His Majesty that the Attorney and Solicitor-General to whom it was refer'd for their opinion observed on their report, that some objections were made before them to the Nature of the Grants and Conveyances, under which the petitioners claimed and to the Manner of deduceing down their title, but they conceive that in questions of this kind concerning rights to Land in the West Indias and upon enquirys of this nature the same regularity and exactness is not to be expected as in private Suits concerning titles to Lands in England, but that in these cases the principle regard ought to be had to the Possession and the Expences the partys have been at in endeavouring to Settle and Cultivate such Lands." . . . Therefore upon the whole they are of opinion that the petitioners, their Tenants and Agents, ought not to be disturbed in their possession or interrupted in Carrying on their Settlements." This report having been laid by the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations before the Committee, the Committee proceed to take the whole matter into consideration and report to His Majesty that they are of opinion with the Attorney and Solicitor-General, and are further of opinion that it may be advisable for His Majesty to revoke the instructions, and order Dunbar to quit possession of all the said lands. "The aforegoing is a similar case with Mr. Levy's." Mr. Levy's lands had been in his possession upwards of 12 years.
1½ *pages.*

Cadwallader Colden, Surveyor-General, to the Earl of Halifax.

1759, August 25. New York.—Relative to grants of lands and assessment of quit-rents in New York.
Copy. 16¼ *pages.*

Cousaponakees, an Indian Princess.

1755–59. Paper containing:—
An extract of the Memorial and Representation of Cousaponakees, a natural born princess of the Upper and Lower Creek Nations, dated the 30th of June 1755, so far as relates to the report made thereon by the Lords of Trade and Plantation, dated Whitehall 6th December 1758.
Extract of the Report of the Lords of Trade dated 6th December 1758, on the foregoing memorial of Cousaponakees as presented to the Lords of the Regency the 30th June 1755. To the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council for Plantation affairs.

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Extract of Instructions to Henry Ellis, Governor of Georgia. St. James's, the . . . . day of . . . . 1759. With observations.
19½ *pages.*

RANK and PRECEDENCE in AMERICA.

1760, December 17. St. James's.—Copy of Royal Warrant for settling the Rank and Precedence in America. Per W. Pitt.
2¾ *pages.*

LORD EGREMONT to the GOVERNOR of SOUTH CAROLINA.

1761, December 12. Whitehall.—"I am therefore to signify to you, the King's pleasure, that you do immediately upon the Receipt of this Letter exert your utmost Influence to induce your Province to carry into the most Speedy and most Effectual Execution this very important object by immediate Compliance with any *requisition* which Sir Jeffry Amherst shall in Consequence of His Majesty's Orders make for furnishing, on certain Conditions which he will explain to you such number of Recruits from your Province as he shall demand as their quota towards compleating the Regular Regiments which have been sent to America for the Defence and Protection of the Possessions of his Majesty's Subjects there."
Extract. 1½ *pages.*

Note.—Thomas Boone, the Governor of South Carolina, was appointed 14 April 1761. He was transferred from the Government of New Jersey.

REVENUE in AMERICA.

Paper containing notes and references from various law books relating to the revenues of several Colonies. (Partly in Lord Dartmouth's hand.) "From 1756 to 1763 Massachusetts Bay raised above 800,000*l.*, which being spent among themselves, there was no decay of the Trade," &c.
7 *quarto pages.*

GEORGE III. ROYAL PROCLAMATION.

1763, October 7. St. James's.—Notifying, as a result of the extensive acquisitions in America secured by the Paris Treaty of 10 February 1763, the erection of four distinct and separate Governments, Quebec, East Florida, West Florida, and Grenada, and defining their limits and jurisdiction.
Printed broadside.
Endorsed:—Proclamation of 7th October 1763.

GOVERNOR FRANCIS BERNARD to the BOARD OF TRADE.

1763, December 26. Boston.
Autograph letter signed. 4¾ *folio pages.*
Endorsed:—Massachusets. Letter from Fras. Bernard, Esq., Governor of Massachusets Bay, to the Board, dated December 26, 1763, relative to the execution of the Laws of Trade in that

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province, and the necessity of encouraging a trade between North America and the foreign Plantations, under proper restrictions.

Received March, } 1764. Ll. 68.
Read July 2, }

Dr. Wheelock's Indian Charity School.

1763.—Printed pamphlet, entitled "A plain and faithful Narrative of the Original Design, Rise, Progress, and present State of the Indian Charity School at Lebanon, in Connecticut. By Eleazar Wheelock, A.M., Pastor of a Church in Lebanon." Boston. Printed by Richard and Samuel Draper, in Newbury Street, MDCCLXIII.

54 *octavo pages in paper cover.*

Note.—In "A History of Dartmouth College and the Town of Hanover, New Hampshire, by Frederick Chase, edited by John K. Lord, Cambridge (U. S.), 1891," 8vo., xi. and 682 pp., illustrated with portraits of Eleazar Wheelock, John Thornton, Nathaniel Whitaker, John Wentworth, and Bezaleel Woodward, and several Plans and Letters, is an interesting account of the foundation and subsequent vicissitudes of this Indian school, which, in 1769, took the name of Dartmouth College from William, Earl of Dartmouth. The correspondence in that volume is now mostly preserved in the library of the College, and largely consists of the letters and papers received by Dr. Wheelock and others; many of their letters to Lord Dartmouth will be found in the following pages.

Rhode Island.

1764, May 1. Newport on Rhode Island.—Copy of a letter not signed nor addressed. Concerning the paper currency of the Colony of Rhode Island. Quotes a letter previously written, 10 April 1752.

Copy. 2¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of two letters, one of them dated April 10th, 1752. The other . . May 1st, 1764. Concerning the paper currency of the Colony of Rhode Island.

Rhode Island. Paper Currency.

House of Representatives of Massachusets Bay to their Agent Mr. Mauduit.

1764, June 13.—Acknowledge receipt of letters of 30 December, 11 February, 13 and 23 March. Express surprise at the contents of these letters. Refer to the Sugar Act, maintenance of the army, taxation, commerce, and stamp duty.

Copy. 11 *folio pages.*

Plan for the Future Management of Indian Affairs.

[1764, July.]—With Lists A and B of Indian tribes in the northern and southern districts.

14 *folio pages.* [Various copies of this paper are found in the Public Record Office, the British Museum, and among the MSS. at Lansdowne House.]

Endorsed:—Plan for the future management of Indian Affairs.

Governor George Johnstone to John Pownall.

1764, September 25. Kingston, Jamaica.—By the report of sundry persons, who have come from Pensacola, the inhabitants are in a

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deplorable situation from lack of necessaries and cash. This has been caused by the seizure of three Spanish vessels, laden with cash, by English captains, through a mistaken zeal.

Extract. 1 *folio page.* [The original letter is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, West Florida, Vol. 1, folio 103.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from George Johnstone, Esq., Governor of West Florida, to John Pownall, Esq., Secretary to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, dated Jamaica, Kingston, September 25th, 1764.

GOVERNOR GEORGE JOHNSTONE to JOHN POWNALL.

1764, October 31. Penzacola.—The Spanish trade, so far from being encouraged, has been obstructed in every way. Refers to the seizure of the Spanish vessels laden with cash, and desires instructions concerning commerce generally.

Extract. 1½ *folio pages.* [The original letter is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, West Florida, Vol. 1, fol. 117.]

Endorsed.—Extract of a letter from George Johnston, Esq., Governor of West Florida, to John Pownall, Esq., Secretary to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, dated Penzacola, October 31st, 1764.

MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

1764, November 3.—Extracts from the petition of the Council and House of Representatives of Massachusets Bay to the House of Commons, and from their Instructions to their Agent.

1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—The petition of the Council and House of Reprentatives of His Majesty's Province of Massachusets Bay Relative to the Imposing Stamp Duties or Taxes upon the Inhabitants of the Colonies. Boston, November 3rd, 1764.

FORSEY *v.* CUNNINGHAM.

1764.—Printed pamphlet entitled "Report of the case between Thomas Forsey and Waddel Cunningham, New York." Printed by John Holt in the year 1764.

71 *pages.*

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON to the KING.

1765, January 5.—Memorial. Relates his services among the Indians. His great expenses in connection therewith. Desires some compensation either in cash or lands.

5⅞ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Memorial of Sir William Johnson, dated January 5th, 1765.

MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S Hand.

1765, January 16, 17, 21, and 23.—Refers to letters from several Governors in America and memorials from Boone and Garth. Part on Senegambia and the gum trade.

2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Min. Jan. 16, 17, 21, 23, 1765, Carolina, Virginia, Senegambia.

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Minutes in Lord Dartmouth's Hand.

N. D. [1765, about January].—Mentions letters from Governors Bernard 10 November 1764, Hopkins 12 November, and Fitch 13 November.

½ *folio page.*

Governor George Johnstone to John Pownall.

1765, February 19. Mobile.—Begins, "Our next Neighbours of consequence are the Spaniards," and refers to the trade with them.

Extract. ¾ *folio page.* [The original letter is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, West Florida, Vol. 1, fol. 233.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from George Johnstone, Esq., Governor of West Florida, to John Pownall, Esq., Secretary to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, dated Mobile 19th February 1765.

Pennsylvania Merchants to the Board of Trade.

1765, February. Philadelphia.—Memorial. Desiring relief, having credited a large number of traders with goods to supply the Indians. In violation of treaties, the Indians have murdered some traders and expelled the remainder from their country. Consequently these merchants have received no payment for their goods.

Copy. 1¼ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a memorial to the Right Honourable the Lords of Trade.

Alexander Cameron to Ensign George Price.

1765, March 16 and 27. Toquo.—With note by G. P[rice]. "Mr. Tinkler will certainly run a great risk if ever he comes to this quarter, and particularly if Rum should be in the way."

Extracts. 3½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed.—Extracts from Mr. Cameron's letters to Mr. Price, sent March 16th, 1765, to Captain Cochran at Charlestown (about a design to kill all the white people in the Cherokee country, and about the ffrench prisoners.)

Note.—Mr. Cameron was commissary for Indian affairs. Ensign Price, 60th Regiment, was commanding officer at Fort Prince George, South Carolina.

Governor George Johnstone to John Pownall.

1765, May 4. Penzacola.—On considering the various productions of His Majesty's other Colonies, he despairs of seeing this settlement flourishing unless Spanish commerce is permitted. Cannot conceive why it is stopped.

Extract. ½ *page.* [The original letter is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, West Florida, Vol. 1, fol. 341.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from George Johnstone, Esq., Governor of West Florida, to John Pownall, Esq., Secretary to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, dated Penzacola, May 4th, 1765.

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Ensign George Price.

1765, May 14.—Journal of Proceedings with the Great Warrior and other Cherokee Indians.
4 *folio pages.*

Alexander Cameron to Ensign George Price.

1765, May 16. Toquo.—Will do all in his power to serve the Lieut.-Governor and Capt. Cochrane and prove to the Indians that these men have their interests at heart. Will endeavour to find out all embassies that are sent amongst them. The French have sent to the Cherokees, desiring a "Talk," but the overture is not believed by the Cherokees.
Extract. 1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed on a wrapper covering also Price's Journal of 14 *May* :—Accounts from Fort Prince George in South Carolina.

Virginia.

N. D. [1765, June 5, covering letter.]—Four Resolutions of the House of Burgesses. Signed, John Randolph.
Copy. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Virginia. Resolution of House of Burgesses in Virginia relative to the privileges of the people of that Colony. In Lt.-Govr's letter of June 5th, 1765. Read.

Virginia.

[1765, June 18.]—"A gentleman in Philadelphia to his friend in this town [Newport], dated last Tuesday [18 June 1765]." Newspaper cutting, being an item quoted from the "Newport Mercury," 24 June 1765. Encloses the Resolves of the Virginia Assembly on debating the Stamp Act. Gives six Resolutions relative to taxation of the Colony, which being so extraordinary, the Governor, on hearing of them, dissolved the Assembly. [Three of the resolutions quoted in this letter are the same as those entered above.]

Stamp Act.

1765, June 19.—A merchant in Philadelphia to his correspondent in London. Cutting from the London "Chronicle" for 1765. The Act of Parliament imposing a stamp duty on the American Colonies, just published, occasions very great uneasiness.
2½ *printed columns.*

Governor James Wright to the Board of Trade.

1765, June 28. Savannah in Georgia.—Relative to his conduct with regard to Spanish vessels coming into the ports of that province.
Copy. 3½ *folio pages.* [The original letter is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, Georgia, Vol. 30, fol. 173.]

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Governor Francis Bernard to the Board of Trade.

1765, July 8. Boston.—Considers no Council whatever could act with more prudence and steadiness in the present exigencies than this has, and that it is a good deal owing to their discretion and authority that the House of Representatives has hitherto (with one exception) been kept within the bounds of decency and moderation, which many other Assemblies have greatly exceeded. It was moved in the House early in the session that the House should take into consideration the difficulties the Colonies will be reduced to by some late Acts of Parliament. Committees appointed to meet at New York on 1st October to discuss the consequences, and to consider of a general address to the King and Parliament. It is the general opinion that nothing will be done in consequence of this intended Congress.

Extract. 2½ *folio pages.* [The original letter is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, Massachusetts, Vol. 78, fol. 525.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Governor Bernard to the Lords of Trade, dated Boston, 8th July 1765.

Dr. Wheelock's Indian Charity School.

Abstracts and copies of several letters addressed to the Reverend Eleazer Wheelock by some of his former pupils who had become missionaries or schoolmasters. From 10 June to 19 July 1765.

Fastened together. 49½ *quarto pages.*

The writers are:—Samuel Kirtland [Kirkland], 10 June and 19 July 1765; David Fowler, 15 and 24 June; Joseph Woolley, July and 6 July; and Theophilus Chamberlain, 10, 17, and 19 July.

Endorsed:—Mr. Wheelock's school.

Minutes in Lord Dartmouth's Hand.

N. D. [1765, July.]—Relative to Portuguese and American trade with Great Britain, and the general causes affecting the same. One item dated 24 July 1765.

3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—*Portugal* Trade with Great Britain.

Dennys de Berdt to [Lord Dartmouth].

1765, July (received).—His pleasure at seeing Lord Dartmouth nominated First Lord of Trade. Hopes he will be the means of retrieving the commerce and harmony that formerly existed between America and England. States the disadvantages under which the commerce now labours in regard to Spain, France, and England.

Letter signed. 2¼ *large pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. De Berdt; Rec^{d} July 1765.

Dennys de Berdt to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, August 6. Artillery Court.—Sends a letter from Boston, showing the confusion in which the American trade now is. Fails to see how taxes drawn from America by the proposed measures can compensate for the misery caused thereby and the ruin of the merchants.

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The new regulations and taxes have sunk the value of His Majesty's dominions in America 20 per cent.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅛ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. De Berdt.

DOCTOR JOHN FOTHERGILL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1765, August 7. Near Middlewick, Cheshire.—Congratulations. Recommends Capel Hanbury, merchant in London, as a person well versed in American trade, and worthy of Lord Dartmouth's confidence.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Dr. Fothergill 7 August 1765.

DR. WHEELOCK'S INDIAN CHARITY SCHOOL.

1765, August 8. Johnson Hall.—Sir William Johnson. Recommendation of Mr. Wheelock's school, headed, "Copy of a Letter from Sir William Johnson." Recommends the Indian school, and agrees with enlargement of plan. Application to Britain to enable a number of missionaries to be employed in the Indian country.

1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Sir Wm Johnson, August 8th, 1765. Indian School Connecticut.

MAJOR-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to the EARL OF HALIFAX.

1765, August 10. New York.—The erecting a fort at the mouth of the Missouri will be the best thing the French can do to be a check on the English and extend their own trade. Thinks it would be proper to have a fort at the mouth of the Illinois to prevent the French trading up the Lakes.

Extract. 1½ *folio pages.* [The original letter is in the Public Record Office, America and West Indies, Vol. 121, fol. 681.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Major-General Gage to the Earl of Halifax dated New York 10 August 1765.

LORD HYDE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1765, August 13. The Grove.—Thinks the affair given in the enclosures can be settled privately, and had better not be produced at a public Board.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Lord Hyde with Colonel Tryon's papers August 1765.

Enclosures:—

COLONEL WILLIAM TRYON to the BOARD OF TRADE.

1765, *June* 24. *Brunswick, North Carolina.—Explains his transactions with Messrs. Jouvencell and Bridgen in respect to the agency for the province of North Carolina.*

Letter signed. 3½ *folio pages.*

WILLIAM HUNTER to LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON.

1765, *March* 2.—*Relative to the charges brought against Colonel Tryon by disputants for the office of agent for the province.*

Copy. 2 *folio pages.*

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The Earl of Moira to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, August 19. Moira, near Dromore, Ireland.—Desires him to recommend his petition for a grant of land, so that he and others now anxious to settle in America may be enabled to do so.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Earl of Moira. August 1765.

Enclosures:—

Earl of Moira and several others. Petition to the King. John, Earl of Moira, William Taylor, William Burton, etc. desire 5,000 acres each in West Florida in the neighbourhood of the Mississippi, and promise to cultivate thereon the branches of commerce so much needed, but now purchased at an immense expense from foreign nations.

1½ *pages.*

Endorsed on wrapper:—Petition of the Earl of Moira and al.

Pen and ink sketch of the land desired by the Earl of Moira.

J. or T. Price to Lord Dartmouth, First Commissioner of the Council of Commerce.

1765, August 27.—A zeal for the glory and interest of real humanity and the good policy of the nation and colonies, induces the writer to address Lord Dartmouth desiring him to exert his influence to send orders to the Governors in America to prohibit, under severe penalties, the use, sale, purchase, and possession of scalping knives.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Price. August 1765.

Dr. John Fothergill to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, August 29. Lea Hall.—The late acts and regulations have caused universal discontent in America. Suggests that commissioners be chosen to go over to America to confer with others chosen by the respective Governments there to confer on the subject of these complaints. Shows the advisability of such a conference to gain a correct knowledge of the Americans, and avert the independence they seem to desire.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed on wrapper:—Dr. Fothergill, August 29, 1765.
Endorsed on first page:—Lea Hall 31st instant.

Stamp Act.

1765, September 3.—Article signed Cæsariensis. Newspaper cutting, headed "New York, September 12." Remarks on the resignation of several of the stamp officers. Hopes this laudable example will be universally imitated, else disastrous effects will follow.

Printed. 1 *strip.*

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Dennys de Berdt to [Lord Dartmouth].

1765, September 5.—Seeks to show the injustice of taxation and sending troops to America. Remarks on the sole right of the Americans to tax themselves by their own representatives.

Letter signed. 3½ *folio pages.*

Autograph Note.—"My hand being difficult to read, I ordered my clark to transcribe it."

Endorsed:—Received September 5, 1765.

Mohock Indians to the King.

1765, September 14. Johnson Hall.—(Transcribed by their desire in the presence of Sir William Johnson and transmitted by Lord Adam Gordon.) Address. Assure him of their loyalty. Complain of the treatment of the English toward them in regard to the land called Kayaderosseras. Desire relief.

2⅔ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—To the King's most Excellent Majesty, the Humble Address of the Mohawk Indians.

Rhode Island.

Newspaper cutting, headed "Newport, 16 September 1765," giving on one side six resolutions of the Rhode Island Assembly of last session, and on the other, a letter from Thomas Ringgold to Mr. Green, 27 August 1765, refuting a report that he had applied for the office of distributor of stamps for Maryland.

The *Resolutions* begin: "This Assembly taking into the most serious consideration an Act passed by the Parliament of Great Britain at their last sessions, for levying stamp duties and other internal duties in North America, do resolve,—

"1. That the first adventurers. settlers of this His Majesty's colony and dominion of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, brought with them and transmitted to their posterity, all privileges and immunities enjoyed by the people of Great Britain. 2. That by a charter of Chas. II. the Colony is entitled to all privileges of natural-born subjects. 3. That they have been governed by their own Assembly in the article of taxes and internal police. 4 to 6. That the General Assembly have the exclusive right to lay taxes and imposts, and that subjects are not bound to yield obedience to any other law or ordinance."

R. Charles to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, September 21. Great Marlborough Street.—Has visited his Lordship for the purpose of conversing with him about the instruction to Sir Hy. Moore on the subject of appeals and a petition presented to the King by the Agent of New York. Transmits a memorial for a grant of land in East Florida, to which he considers himself entitled.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Charles, Agent for New York.

Constitutional Courant.

1765, September 21.—No. 1. 2 copies.

1 *leaf each.*

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ANDREW SYMMER to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1765, September 21.—Agrees with his Lordship that there could not have been a more unlucky time to impose a tax on America. No sensible North American denies his dependence on Britain, but he insists that the mode for raising money should have been left to their respective Governments. He believes that the Stamp Act is an exceptionable duty and bears harder on some provinces than others, especially Virginia and Maryland. Remarks on trade with the West India Islands.

Autograph letter signed. 5 quarto pages.

Enclosure:—

Andrew Symmer. Paper on American trade. Enumerates articles exported by America to the British West Indies, for which she receives rum and sugar. Remarks on trade with French and Spanish West Indies, also the Danish and Dutch Islands. Government cannot take too vigorous steps to prevent the introduction of foreign European goods into the Colonies. Shows how trade in slaves is carried on in the American vessels. If encouraged, North America could supply the British, French, and Spanish West Indies with lumber and provisions much cheaper than can be done from Europe. Proposes some encouragements that might be given, and restrictions made to foreign vessels coming into British American ports.

Autograph signed. 5 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Mr. Symmer.

The BOSTON GAZETTE and COUNTRY JOURNAL.

1765, September 23.—No. 547.
1 *sheet.*

The BOSTON EVENING POST.

1765, September 30.—No. 1568.
1 *sheet.*

RESOLUTIONS of a CONGRESS held at NEW YORK.

1765, October 1.—Composed of the Committees of the several Houses of Representatives of the British Colonies. Their opinion respecting the most essential rights and liberties of the Colonists, and the grievances under which they labour, because of recent Acts of Parliament.

2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Resolves of the Congress.

REV. DR. THOMAS DAMPIER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1765, October 6. Eton.—Observations on Hasenclever and his iron manufactory in New York. Recommends him to Lord Dartmouth's notice as useful in giving information of America, and worthy of his confidence.

Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Iron. Rev. Dr. Dampier.

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Enclosure:—

PETER HASENCLEVER to DR. THOMAS DAMPIER.

1765, *August* 8. *New York.—Private matters. Progress of his iron manufactory. Difficulties he has had to encounter with people and countries. Has started a hemp plantation upon the Mohawk river* 300 *miles above New York. Considers that America is of more importance to England than people at home imagine, and the late restrictions on trade have hurt Britain much already, and time will show how erroneous they were. He has written to Lords Halifax, Hillsboro', and Sandwich.*

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Note.—Dr. Dampier was at this time sub-master of Eton; afterwards Dean of Durham; Bishop of Rochester 1802; of Ely 1808; died 1812. *See* other letters of his among the MSS. of R. W. Ketton, Esq., Twelfth Report, Appendix, Part IX., pp. 202–207.

MEETING at CAMBRIDGE.

1765, October 14.—Newspaper cutting. Vote of a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of Cambridge [Mass.]. William Brattle chosen Moderator. Representing the Stamp Act to be an infraction of their rights. If this Act takes place liberty will be no more, trade will languish and die, and poverty will be their portion.

MESSRS. BAYNTON, WHARTON, and MORGAN to the REVEREND GEORGE WHITEFIELD.

1765, October 29. Philadelphia.—The desire of the Indians to have traders sent into their country. The cruel treatment shown to those sent, and the loss accruing to the merchants who supplied the goods. Have applied to the Board of Trade for relief and enclose copy of memorial to Sir William Johnson on same subject. Doctor Franklin is furnished with all particulars to represent this matter in England. Ask Whitefield to advocate with Lord Dartmouth on their behalf.

Letter signed. 3½ *large pages.*

Endorsed:—Messrs. Baynton, Wharton, and Morgan of Philadelphia to Rev. Mr. W.

Enclosure:—

MEMORIAL to SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON.

1765, *February. Philadelphia.—*[*Robert*] *Callendar, John Baynton, Samuel Wharton, &c., in behalf of themselves and others who lately traded with the Indian nations on the Ohio and to the westward. Desire compensation, in the shape of a proportionate grant of land, for their losses sustained through plunder by the Indians.*

Copy. 1¼ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a memorial to Sir William Johnson, Baronet.

MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

1765, October 29.—Fourteen Resolutions of the House of Representatives touching their rights of representation in connection with taxation.

Printed. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Boston Resolut, 29 Oct. 1765.

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The Massachusetts Gazette and Boston Newsletter.

1765, October 31.—No. 3239.
2 *pages.*

New York.

1765, November 2.—Charles Yorke and William de Grey. Report to the Board of Trade.
Copy. 4½ *folio pages.*
Endorsed:—Copy of a Report of His Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor-General on an Article in Governor of New York's Instructions, relative to appeals, dated November 2, 1765.

John Smith to Lord Dartmouth.

Not dated, but in a wrapper addressed to Lord Dartmouth, covering also a letter dated 3 November, on the funds of the East India Company.—Proposes means by which the national debt of America may be cancelled without Britain's help, *i.e.*, by the improvement and selling of her improved lands.
Autograph letter signed. 6½ *quarto pages.*

John Smith to . . . .

Not dated, but in a wrapper addressed to Lord Dartmouth, covering also a letter dated 3 November, on the funds of the East India Company.—Hints on the produce and manufactures of America, and the duty she owes to Britain commercially.
Autograph letter signed. 3¾ *quarto pages.*

John Smith to [Lord Dartmouth].

1765, November 5. London.—Proceedings in the Colonies owing to the Stamp Act. Many articles in the papers show an incendiary spirit.
Autograph letter signed. 2¼ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Mr. Jno. Smith, Nov^{r} 5th, 1765, encloses American newspapers.

Enclosure:—
1765, *September* 30.—*The Boston "Evening Post," No.* 1568 (*part only*).
½ *sheet.*

Stamp Act.

Paper of Intelligence, dated variously from 4 July to 5 November 1765. Containing copies or extracts of letters relative to the Stamp Act. The letters are written from Trenton in New Jersey, 5 November 1765; from Philadelphia, 1 November 1765; from Boston, 4 July 1765; from Philadelphia, 30 April and 11 October 1765; from Boston, 17 June 1765.
4 *large folio pages.*

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Minutes in Lord Dartmouth's Hand.

[1765], November 7.—Relative to Orders in Council of October 1765. References to letters from Secretary Cooper, Lord Grafton, General Conway, Governor Fauquier, and the Governor of Georgia, on American affairs, and Governor Melville on West Indian matters.
5 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Minutes and extracts of letters from Govr. Melville, &c., Nov. 7.

Lieutenant-Governor Thomas Hutchinson to Lord Adam Gordon.

1765, November 7. Boston.—His distressed circumstances. The General Court has refused him relief. Has now applied to the King, and seeks Lord Gordon's assistance to obtain some compensation. Encloses copy of address from the Mohawk Indians to the King.
Extract. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Extr. from Lt.-Gov. Hutchinson to L^d^ Adam Gordon.

Resolution of Merchants of Philadelphia.

1765, November 7. Philadelphia.—Signed Samuel Mifflin, and addressed to Messrs. Richard Neave and Son, merchants, in London. To import no goods from Great Britain until the Stamp Act be repealed. Consequently, all orders given to Neave and Son for shipment of the same are countermanded.
Printed form filled in. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Philadelphia. Resolution of merchants.

Massachusetts Bay.

1765, November 8. Council Chamber.—Governor Francis Bernard. Speech to the House of Representatives and Council; with minutes of the 11th introducing it. Expostulates with them on their conduct towards him in consequence of the Stamp Act.
Copy. 10 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a speech of Francis Bernard, Esq., Governor of Massachusets Bay, to the General Assembly of that Province, on the 8th of November 1765.

1765, November 8.—Same as above.
Printed. 1 *page.*

Roger Hale to William Dowdeswell, Chancellor of His Majesty's Exchequer.

1765, November 8. London.—In obedience to command, lays before him such observations as his residence in Boston in New England, while Collector of His Majesty's Customs in that port, may have enabled him to make on the trade of the Northern Colonies and the laws affecting it.
28 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Plan for America by Mr. Hale.

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Massachusetts Bay.

1765, November 6, 7, and 8. House of Representatives.—Extracts from Journal. Presentation of a report by the committee appointed to prepare a proper remonstrance to the Governor against the establishment of a new company at Castle William and the additional expense of 116*l.* 17*s.* Proceedings thereupon.

15¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed.—Extracts from the Journal of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts Bay, on the 6, 7, and 7 (*sic*) of November 1765.

The Boston Gazette and Country Journal.

1765, November 11.—No. 554.

½ *sheet.*

Thomas Cushing and Samuel Adams to . . . . . .

1765, November 11. Boston.—Letter beginning "Revd. Sir." Consider the Stamp Act an infringement of their constitutional rights. Complain of the duty put on molasses. Choice of De Berdt by the Massachusetts Assembly to present petitions to Parliament.

Signed. In Adams's hand. 6 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—America, November 1765.

Mr. Russel to Mr. [Dennys] De Berdt.

1765, November 11. Charles Town, near Boston.—Commercial reasons why the Sugar Act and the Stamp Act should be repealed.

Copy. 2½ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Russel to Mr. de Berdt, Charlestown, N. England, Nov. 11th, 1765. Copy.

Treasury Minute.

1765, November 15.—The export trade of Britain has suffered from the late orders and commissions given to commanders of His Majesty's ships stationed in the West Indies and America. After consideration it has been decided that bullion may be imported into the Colonies in foreign bottoms.

2½ *folio pages, draft form.*

Endorsed:—Treasury Minute, 15 Novr 1765.

Governor Francis Bernard to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, November 16. Boston, N. E.—Congratulations on his Lordship's appointment as President of the Board of Trade.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.* (*With seal.*)

Endorsed:—Governor Bernard.

Talbot County, New England.

1765, November 25.—Five resolutions of the Freemen. Consider the Stamp Act an infringement of their liberties. Will endeavour by

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all means to preserve their rights and show their abhorrence of stamp officers.

3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Resolutions of the Freemen of Talbot County in N. England, 25 Nov. 1765.

Governor Francis Bernard to John Pownall.

1765, November 26. Boston.—Proceedings in the town on the 5th of November.

Extract. 5¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed :—Extract of a letter from Francis Bernard, Esq., Gov. of Massachusets Bay, to John Pownall, Esq., Secry. to the Lords Commiss^rs for Trade and Plantations, dated Boston, Nov. 26, 1765.

Joseph Manesty to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, November 26. London.—Has been over and traded with, for the past twenty years, many parts of Europe, all the West India Islands, and most of the North American plantations. In consequence of this, he is acquainted with many facts of a public and private nature which may be useful to his Lordship, so offers his services to him. Refers to his connections with John Newton, Lords Egremont and Hillsborough.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Mr. Manesty, Nov^r 1765.

Governor Francis Bernard to the Board of Trade.

1765, November 30. Boston.—Transmitting and commenting upon the votes of the last session of the Assembly.

Copy. 7½ *folio pages.* [The original letter is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, Massachusetts, Vol. 78, fol. 665.]

Endorsed :—Copy of a letter from Governor Bernard to the Lords of Trade, dated Boston, November 30, 1765.

1765, November 30. Boston.—Extract of the foregoing. "Your Lordship will observe that in my Speech I recommend to the House to order a compensation to be made to the sufferers by the late disturbances."

1½ *pages.*

New Jersey.

1765, November 30.—Extracts from the votes of the Assembly of New Jersey against the Stamp Act.

Two papers. 2 *pages and* ¾ *page respectively.*

Dennys de Berdt to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, December 3.—Fatal consequences the late measures have had with regard to American trade. Advisability of preserving trade with the Spaniards.

Letter signed. ¾ *large folio page.*

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Lieutenant-Governor Cadwallader Colden to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, December 6. New York.—Sends the enclosed in a private letter because some person has obtained copies of his letters to Dartmouth's predecessor and used them for malicious purposes.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Lieutenant-Governor Colden.

Enclosure:—

1765, *December* 6. *State of the Province of New York.—The people are classed in four ranks:* 1, *the proprietors;* 2, *the gentlemen of the law:* 3, *the merchants;* 4, *the farmers and mechanics. Narrates the share they have severally and unitedly taken in public transactions for thirty years past.*

12⅛ *folio pages.* [*Duplicate of this was sent to the Secretary of State, General Conway, and is in the Public Record Office, America and West Indies, Vol.* 177, *fol.* 45. *It is printed in full in the New York Colonial Documents, Vol. VII., p.* 795.]

Endorsed:—6th December 1765. *State of the Province of New York.*

Benjamin Hallowell to Sir Charles Knowles.

1765, December 6. Boston.—[The signature is over another name carefully crossed through.] Refers him to the public papers to see the state of the country at this time, and to the enclosure for the quantity of American subjects to be governed. Gives his opinion of the Stamp Act. The expenses to which Massachusetts has been put since its settlement. Remarks on Crown lands, and the settlement made last summer by Coit and Smith.

Copy. 4 *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Letter to Sir Charles Knowles, Boston, December 1765.

Enclosure:

1765, *December* 6. *Boston.* [*Benjamin Hallowell.*] *Computation of inhabitants in the* 13 *provinces of North America.*

Copy. 1½ *large folio pages.*

Note.—Rear Admiral Sir Charles Knowles, governor of Cape Breton 1746; of Jamaica 1752–8; chief president of the admiralty to the Empress of Russia 1770; died December 1777.

Private Memorandum Book of Lord Dartmouth.

Containing notes on Parliamentary affairs, Colonial affairs, and other items, from 17 July to 17 December 1765.

Autograph. 32 *octavo pages* (*paper cover*).

Lieutenant-Governor Francis Fauquier to Lord Dartmouth, First Lord Commissioner for Trade and Plantation Affairs, &c., in London.

1765, December 17. Williamsburgh.—Congratulations upon his appointment to the Board of Trade.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Lt.-Gov^{r} Fauquier.

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The King's Speech.

N. D. [1765, December 17.]—Draft for the King's speech to Parliament. Not dated, but from reference to the Journals of the House of Commons believed to be of this date.

1½ *folio pages.*

House of Lords to the King.

[1765, December about 18th.]—Address. Return thanks for the speech from the throne. Congratulations on the birth of a prince. American affairs.

Draft. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Address.

Samuel Adams to John Smith.

1765, December 19. Boston.—Addressed, on a wrapper containing also a letter of 20 December, to John Smith, Esq., in London, per favour of Rev., Mr. Whittaker. Complains of the injustice of the Stamp Act, and the restrictions on trade. States what he considers the rights of free subjects of Britain, and shows how the Stamp Act is contrary to these.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Adam of Boston to Mr. Smith. Decr 1765. State of British Colonies in America.

Reverend J. William Giberne to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, December 19. Sabine Hall, in Richmond County, on Rappahanock River, Virginia.—Congratulations upon his Lordship's recent appointment. Grateful remembrances of past favours. The writer's present condition suffers from the distress of the Colony.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev. Mr. Giberne.

Samuel Adams to John Adams.

1765, [December] 20. Boston.—Proceedings of the Colonies on the proposal of the Stamp Act and after the passing of the Act. Insults shown to stamp officers and account of the disturbances on 26 August, when the houses of Mr. Story (Deputy Registrar of the Vice-Admiralty Court), Mr. Hallowell (Comptroller of Customs), and Lieutenant-Governor Hutchinson were attacked. Opposition to the Stamp Act daily increases and reconciliation to it seems an impossibility.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed with his letter of the previous day.

Minutes in Lord Dartmouth's Hand.

1765, December 20.—Mention letters from the Governor of New Jersey, 10 October 1765, and Governor of Virginia 2 October 1765. Other minutes refer to trade with Portugal.

1⅞ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Minutes, December 20, Portugal.

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Samuel Garbett to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, December 21. Birmingham.—Addressed, on a wrapper covering also a letter of 24 December, to the Earl of Dartmouth, Saint James's Square, London. Stating the facts that will be presented at an approaching meeting of the merchants interested in the trade to America, showing the inconveniences and ruinous consequences ensuing from the countermanding of orders for America. Advises strongly the repeal of the Stamp Act.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.* *Sealed.*

Endorsed:—Mr. S. Garbett, Berming^{m}. State of manufact^{s}.

Enclosures:—

1765, *December* 6. *London.—Barlow Trecothick, chairman to the Committee of the Merchants of London trading to North America, to the Chief Magistrate of Birmingham. Acquaints him with the proceedings of the merchants of this city with regard to trade with America. Asks for his help in making application to Parliament for relief.*

Copy. 1 *large folio page.*

1765, *December* 21. *Birmingham.—Samuel Garbett, Joseph Wilkinson, and eighteen others, to* [*Barlow Trecothick*]. *Embarrassment of merchants here in consequence of want of remittances from, and stoppage of trade with America. Thousands of labourers will soon be clamorous for employment and subsistence. Will soon present some facts to help to remove the blow given to this trade.*

Copy. 1 *large folio page.*

Henry Kennan to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, December 23. Crutched Friars.—Has given particular attention to the silk culture of South Carolina and Georgia. This culture by no means answers the expectations formed of it, and has annually declined. Considers, however, it could be made successful under better regulations, and with less expense to Government.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Georgia Filature. Mr. Kennan.

Samuel Garbett to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, December 24. Birmingham.—A committee has been nominated to deliver a sketch of a petition to Parliament, and a letter to all the nobility likely to favour such. Merchants agree with him in the sentiments expressed in his letter of 21st instant.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Henry Kennan to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, December 31. Crutched Friars.—Respecting the silk culture in Georgia and South Carolina. Some private gentlemen are willing to take the filature in Savannah into their own hands, paying one shilling for each pound of cocoons. Remarks on the bounty given by Government to this culture.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

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Enclosure:—

Paper showing the expense of the silk culture in South Carolina and Georgia in 1762, 1763, *and* 1764.
Autograph. 1 *quarto page.*

The Duke of Newcastle to Lord Dartmouth.

1765, December 31. Newcastle House.—Has heard that an application has been received by the Board of Trade from the Representatives of the Colonies. Asks that a copy may be transmitted to him.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Duke of Newcastle, 31 Dec. 1765.

Dennys de Berdt to the Earl of Halifax.

N. D. [1765].—The recent regulations concerning American trade have caused hardships to that country, and are detrimental to Great Britain. Shows how, if put into force, they will operate on English commerce.
Copy. 3¼ *large folio pages.*

Dennys de Berdt to Lord Dartmouth.

N. D. [1765].—Gives extract from a letter of William Donaldson of New York, showing the distress of the country through want of money; the hindrances to commerce, if continued, will ruin America, and England will feel the effects. Remarks on the debt of six millions which America now owes England.
Letter signed. 1⅓ *large folio pages.*

Bullion in Foreign Bottoms.

N. D. [1765].—Observations on the commerce of our Colonies with those of Spain, so far as regards the legality of the importation of bullion in foreign bottoms. Several reports to the Board of Trade and others are annexed, dated 1708 and 1720.
22¼ *folio pages.*

N. D. [1765].—Proposal to allow the importation of bullion into the Colonies in foreign bottoms.
In Lord Dartmouth's hand. 3 *folio pages.*
Endorsed:—Proposal to allow the importation of bullion into the Colonies in foreign bottoms. Proposal.

N. D. [1765].—Considerations on the laws made for the increase of navigation, and for the regulation of the plantation trade, so far as they relate to bullion.
In Lord Dartmouth's hand. 2 *folio pages.*
Endorsed:—Considerations on the Acts of Trade and Navigation, so far as relates to bullion.
Again endorsed:—Observations, &c.

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MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S Hand.

N. D. [1765].—On letters from Governors Fauquier, Bernard, Colden, Franklin, Sharpe, Wentworth, and General Gage, in June, August, September, October, and November, concerning the state of affairs in their respective provinces with regard to the arrival and distribution of stamps.

6 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Governors letters to Sec. of State.

MR. FULLER'S PLAN of ACCOMMODATION.

N. D. [1765].—Reasons why Britain should not tax the Colonies. Proposes repeal of all the Revenue Acts, and the establishment of land taxes on the same principles as in England, also duties on foreign goods imported.

1⅓ *folio pages.*

CAPTAIN FRANCIS LEGGE to GENERAL SEYMOUR CONWAY, Secretary of State.

N. D. [1765].—Memorial. In view of his long services desires permission to dispose of his commission.

1 *quarto page.* With an account of his endeavours to purchase a majority in the Royal Americans. (2¼ *quarto pages.*)

Endorsed:—The memorial of Captain Francis Legge, 46th Reg^nt.

NEW YORK ASSEMBLY.

1765.—Extract from the Journal. Twelve resolutions stating their allegiance, but representing their great objection to the Stamp Act, as it deprives them of their constitutional rights.

6½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract from the Journal of the Assembly at New York, 1765.

NEW YORK GAZETTE.

N. D. [1765].—Extracts. Preservation of the Colony of Connecticut. Agreement of the inhabitants of America not to receive stamps. Intelligence from Boston acquaints of the other colonies holding with the petition of the seven colonies. Vessels clearing out at Rhode Island.

¾ *page.*

Endorsed:—Extracts from the New York Gazette.

JAMES OTIS.

N. D. [1765].—Extracts from the Vindication of the British Colonies, &c, said to be by James Otis. Boston, 1765.

In Lord Dartmouth's hand. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Extracts from Vind. of the Br. Colonies, &c.

JOHN SMITH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1765.—Remarks on the right of Britain to lay internal taxes on American Colonies. The grievances arising from the Stamp Act. Pro-

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poses other means to raise a revenue, that is, several articles to be taxed, and the improvement of ceded lands, &c.

Autograph letter signed. 14 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Smith, of Boston, 1765.

Enclosures:—

Extracts from the Charters of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Maryland, with Reference to Taxation. Beginning "Massachusetts was first given by James ye 1st in the 18th year of his reign."

Autograph. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Paper on the Question of the Right of Britain to tax her Colonies. Shows the inherent right of the Colonies to tax themselves, and indicates the laws expressed in the respective charters for that purpose.

Autograph. 11¼ *quarto pages.*

Assembly of South Carolina to Charles Garth.

N. D. [1765].—Consequences which will ensue from the non-repeal of certain Acts. Remarks upon the advantages which might be gained from the Colonies if Great Britain withdrew her arbitrary and oppressive measures.

Extract. 6⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from the Assembly of South Carolina to Charles Garth, Esq., their Agent.

Stamp Act.

1765.—Paper containing abstracts of letters and enclosures received by or communicated to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations relative to the Stamp Act. The letters are from Lieutenant-Governor Fauquier, 5 June 1765; Governor Bernard, 8 July, 15, 22 and 31 August, 7 and 28 September; Governor Franklin, 10 October; Governor Wentworth, 5 October; Governor Bernard, 1, 12, 17, 19, and 26 October, and 1 November; Lieutenant-Governor Fauquier, 2 October; Governor Wilmot, 19 November; Lieutenant-Governor Fauquier, 3 November.

66½ *folio pages.*

1765.—List of the letters and papers of the foregoing entry.

8¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—List of papers received by or communicated to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, so far as they relate to or contain any information of the riots that have happened in America in opposition to the putting in execution the Stamp Act, since the passing thereof to the present time.

The Duke of Newcastle to Lord Dartmouth.

1766, January 2. Claremont.—Returns papers on the subject of American taxation. Gives his opinion. Thinks the only person to be consulted is Mr. Onslow, and hopes His Lordship will see him.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Duke of Newcastle, 2 Jan. 1766.

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SAMUEL GARBETT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, January 4. Birmingham.—Sending the enclosed.
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Mr. S. Garbett, Petition to Parl[t].

Enclosure:—

MERCHANTS, &c., of BIRMINGHAM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, *January 4.—With their proposed petition to the House of Commons. Desire His Lordship may make such use of the facts relative to the stagnation of trade with America as may prevent the frightful consequences which must ensue from so many necessitous workmen being suddenly unemployed.*
Letter signed. 1¾ *pages.*

GENERAL PHINEAS LYMAN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, January 7. London.—Thoughts on the Act of Parliament establishing a stamp duty in America.
Letter signed. 6 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Gen. Lyman on the Stamp Act.

JOSEPH MANESTY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, January 8. London, Copt Hall Court, Throgmorton Street.—Sends enclosure. Would be glad to be of any use to His Lordship.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Mr. Manesty.

Enclosure:—

1766, *January* 1. *London.—Observations on the cause of the disturbances with America, its trade and exported products.*
Original, not signed. 19 *folio pages.*

The KING'S SPEECH to PARLIAMENT.

[1766, January 14.] Not dated, but from reference to the Commons' Journals believed to be of this date.—The important proceedings in America demand their serious attention.
2¼ *puges.*
Endorsed:—Speech.

HOUSE OF LORDS to the KING.

[1766, January 14.]—Address.
Draft, with corrections in Lord Dartmouth's hand. 1¾ *pages.*
Endorsed:—Address.

PETER HASENCLEVER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, January 15. New York.—By advice of the Rev[d] Dr. Dampier takes this liberty and gives a short account of the present situation of

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affairs in this country, and of the injurious effect on American trade caused by the Acts of Parliament lately passed.

Autograph letter signed. 10¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed.—Mr. Hasenclever, New York, 15 January 1766.

GOVERNOR SIR HENRY MOORE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, January 16. New York.—Announcing the forcible boarding of a ship just arrived from England and the seizure and burning of the stamped paper.

Duplicate letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Enclosure:—

1766, *January* 10, 11, *and* 14. *Fort George, New York.—Minutes of Council. The Governor's remonstrance on the proceedings of the 8th; he lays before them Secretary Conway's letter insisting on the execution of the Act. Copy certified by G. Banyar,* 18 *February* 1766.

8⅔ *pages.*

Endorsed:—New York, 10, 11, *and* 14 *January* 1766. *Minutes of Council, on burning the stamp papers.*

GENERAL PHINEAS LYMAN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, January 18. London.—Facts which render the Stamp Act most distressing to the Americans. Reasons why the British Parliament should not lay internal taxes on their Colonies.

Letter signed. 41 *quarto pages.*

MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S Hand.

1766, January 24, Friday.—Partly concerning Senegambia. Representation on behalf of Governor Boone. Memorial of Charles Garth, Agent for South Carolina.

1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Min. Jan 24 1766. Senegambia, Carolina.

MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S Hand.

1766, January 27 and 30.—Concerning various papers relating to America. Account of the annual expenses of government in America. Account of the debts of the several provinces. Order of the Duke of Grafton to prepare lists of civil and military officers employed in North America.

3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—January 27, 1766. Bermuda.

The EARL OF HUNTINGDON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, January 29, Wednesday, eight o'clock, Donnington Park.—Sends his proxy. Knowing Dartmouth's attachment to the laws of equity upon which his (Huntingdon's) zeal for the repeal of the Stamp Act is founded, his vote may be employed as Dartmouth thinks proper.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Earl of Huntingdon, 29th January 1766.

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STAMP ACT.

N. D. [1766, about January].—Paper headed, "The Measures which Parliament shall adopt in respect to the present distracted State of America will determine whether Great Britain shall be the greatest and most powerful Nation in the World, or shall crumble away to Nothing."

Unsigned. 3½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—America.

N.D. [1766, about January].—Paper headed, "The following Propositions and Observations upon them are the Result of a dispassionate and unprejudiced Reflection upon the unhappy Consequences produced by the American Stamp Act of last Year."

Unsigned. 7½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Propositions and Observations relating to the *Stamp Act.*

[THOMAS CROWLEY] to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, February 1. Grace Church Street.—Signed "Amor Patriæ." Offers suggestions upon the repeal of the Stamp Act.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Crowle, America.

Enclosures:—

Calculation of the supposed number of inhabitants in each of the American colonies and the proportion of money to raise.
Original. 1½ *quarto pages.*

[1766, *about January* 1.] [*Thomas Crowley.*] *Paper signed "Amor Patriæ," addressed "To the Printer." Proposes an expedient, as a medium whereby to reconcile the mistakes which have unfortunately happened on both sides of the question.*
Printed strip. 2 *copies.*

JOSEPH MANESTY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, February 3. London.—Unhappy state of America in consequence of the Stamp Act. Advocates its repeal and makes a suggestion which he thinks would be generally accepted.

Autograph letter signed. 3⅓ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Manesty, Feb. 3, 1766.

MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S Hand.

1766, February 5.—With reference to letters received that day from governors in America.

3⅓ *pages.*

DENNYS DE BERDT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, February 7. "Friday, 4 Clock."—Sending the following.

Autograph letter signed. ½ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Mr. De Berdt, Feby. 7, 1766.

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Annexed :—

Extract of a letter from Charles Town, dated 21 December 1765. Hopes the unjustifiable lengths into which the Americans are gone will not be laid to the town of Boston which has publicly condemned such proceedings.
½ quarto page.

Enclosure :—

1765, *December* 20. *Boston.—James Otis, Thomas Cushing, Samuel Adams, and Thomas Gray—four members of the Massachusetts Assembly—to Dennys de Berdt. Setting forth the disadvantages arising to America by the several Acts of Parliament lately made, and the rights to which they hold themselves entitled, especially the right of representation.*
Letter signed. 8⅓ *pages.*

Stamp Act.

1766, February 10.—Cutting from the "Daily Advertiser," No. 11,518, containing a letter signed "A Lover of Britain" with some correspondence dated 1764, showing the sentiments of Americans at that time on the subject of a parliamentary tax.
Printed. ½ *leaf.*

House of Commons.

N. D. [about 1766, February 10].—Five proposed Resolutions for a Committee. Condemning the tumults and insurrection lately raised in America in manifest violation of the authority of this kingdom.
Manuscript corrected in Lord Dartmouth's hand. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed :—Resolves proposed.

Minutes in Lord Dartmouth's Hand.

1766, February 13 and 14.
1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed :—Feb. 13 & 14, 1766, Nova Scot. Georgia Silk Culture.

Sons of Liberty.

1766, February 14. New York.—Thomas Robinson, Isaac Sears, John Lamb, William Willey, and Gersham Mott, Committee of the Sons of Liberty. Circular letter. To assemble as many of the true sons of liberty as possible immediately upon the receipt of this, and proposes an association in order to form a union of the Colonies and to draw up such resolves as will be most efficacious for the preservation of liberty.
Copy. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Copy of a circulary letter sent through the Southern Colonies directed to different people.

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MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S Hand.

1766, February 18 and 19.
1⅛ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Feb. 18, 1766. E. & W. Florida.

JOHN SCOTT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, February 19. Philadelphia.—On the deplorable state of affairs in New York on account of the Stamp Act.
Autograph letter signed 3⅛ *pages.*
Endorsed:—Mr. Scott, Philadelphia. Feb. 1766.

The EARL OF CHESTERFIELD to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1766, February 20.—Expresses his abhorrence of the Stamp Act. Begs Lord Dartmouth to accept his proxy.
Autograph letter signed. 1¼ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Earl of Chesterfield. 20 Feby. 1766.

CHRISTOPHER GADSDEN to JAMES PEARSON.

1766, February 20. Charles Town.—Preceded by an autograph copy of a previous letter of 13 February.
(13 February.)—They are anxiously waiting the result of Parliament with regard to recent Acts. They have considered the Stamp Act and others, and are more averse to them than ever. Evil consequences that will ensue if the Act is not repealed.
20 February.—Warns against the Sc———h representations from this place. Resolution of rice planters. Hopes which have been entertained that the Stamp Act would be repealed. Remarks as to how this will affect European Powers, and on the injustice of the tax.
Autograph letter signed. 8⅜ *pages.*
Endorsed:—Charles Town. S. Car. 13 Feb. 1766.

Enclosure:—
1766, *February* 3.—*Minutes of the South Carolina House of Assembly. Relative to the opening of the ports in that province.*
Charles Town, printed by Peter Timothy. 7½ *pages.*

GOVERNOR SIR HENRY MOORE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, February 22. New York.—Touching a present which the Assembly has resolved to make him.
Duplicate letter signed. 2⅜ *pages.*
Endorsed:—Sr H. Moore, N. York. 22 Feb. 1766.

GREY ELLIOTT to [DOCTOR CAMPBELL].

1766, February 24. Savannah, in Georgia.—In favour of Mr. Bowen, who is acquainted with the method of making sago, &c.
With this letter is a paper containing certificates of Governor Wright and President Habersham, 11 February, and declaration of Samuel

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Bowen, 12 February 1766, in recommendation of the samples of salop powder and vermicelli made by him in Georgia. [See duplicates in the Marquis of Lansdowne's MSS. Fifth Report, Appendix, p. 218].
Autograph letter signed. ½ *page.*
Endorsed:—Mr. Bowen's testimonials from Dr. Campbell.
Again endorsed:—From Dr. Campbell.

MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S Hand.

1766, Tuesday, February 25.
1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Feb. 25, 1766. Carolina, Grenada, Leghorn, Silks.

MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S hand.

1766, Thursday, February 27.—Refers to two estimates of surveys, one from Mr. Holland, the other from Mr. de Brahm.
½ *quarto page.*

The DUKE OF MANCHESTER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, March 2.—Mr. Williamos has a great knowledge of America, so hopes that he will not be totally laid aside.
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Duke of Manchester. 2 March 1766.

PETITIONS of LONDON MERCHANTS.

1766, March 5.—Merchants of London trading to North America. Petitions to the House of Lords and the House of Commons representing their apprehensions of utter ruin unless Parliament interposes to save the country's commerce and revenue. The repeal of the Stamp Act would be of the greatest value.
Not signed. 2 *pages and* 2¼ *pages.*
Endorsed:—Petitions of the merchants of London to the two House[s] of Parl[t] Mch 5, 1766.

GENERAL HENRY SEYMOUR CONWAY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, March 10, Monday morning. Little Warwick Street.—Has perused three inclosed letters from Governor Bernard, dated 18, 19, and 21 December 1765, with enclosures.
In the third person. ¼ *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Mr. Sec. Conway. March 10, 1766.

The DUKE OF GRAFTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH]

1766, March 10. Grosvenor Square.—Thinks it will be necessary to have Bernard's dispatch of 16 January copied out for the House. The papers that are to prove the wording of the bill ought to be found.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—D. of Grafton. March 10, 1766.

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Resolution of London Merchants.

1766, March 10.—Agreement made at a meeting of the Committee of the West Indian and North American merchants held at the "King's Arms" Tavern. Reduction of duty on molasses. Prohibition of rum. Rules for importation and consumption of several articles in North America.

1¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—West India and North American Merchants Agreement. Examined.

1766, March 10.—Copy of the foregoing.

Endorsed:—Resolution of Merchants.

Thomas Crowley to Lord Dartmouth.

1766, March 14. Grace Church Street.—Is the author of the letter signed "Amor Patriæ." Remarks on the advisability of having a well-formed method for better uniting and strengthening the mutual interest and peace of Great Britain and her Colonies.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Crowley, 14 March 1766.

Enclosure:—

1766, *March* 3.—*The Controversy between Great Britain and her Colonies briefly analysed. Signed "Amor Patriæ."* *Printed.* 1 *page.*

Act to secure the Dependence of America upon the Crown.

N. D. [1766, about March 18].—An Act for the better securing the Dependency of His Majesty's Dominions in America upon the Crown and Parliament of Great Britain.

Manuscript. 1⅔ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Bill for securing the Dependency of the Colonies in America.

Presbyterian Church in New York to the Moderator and Members of the Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

1766, March 18. New York.—Memorial and Petition. Briefly recounting the rise, progress, and present state of the Church. Soliciting the help of the venerable Assembly in obtaining a charter of incorporation for them. They have also applied to Mr. Dennis Debert and Doctor Samuel Chandler to make and solicit their application for the royal order.

Copy. 12¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—To the Reverend & Honourable the Moderator and Members of the Venerable Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The Memorial & Petition of the Presbyterian Church in the City of New York. Copy.

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WILLIAM BOLLAN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, March 27. Gerard Street.—Proposals for putting an end to the illicit trade carried on between Great Britain and Holland.

Letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Bollan, 27th March 1766.

THOMAS CROWLEY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, March 28. Grace Church Street.—Transmits four letters from J. D. Hammerer, who has gone to America with the view of civilising and educating the Indians and their children. He has been at considerable expense, and requires money to carry his plan more fully into execution.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Thoˢ Crowley, 28 Mch. 1766.

HENRY SEYMOUR CONWAY to GOVERNOR FRANCIS BERNARD.

1766, March 31. St. James's.—With Governor Bernard's speech to the Council and House of Representatives of Massachusetts Bay, 3 June, communicating the letter. Transmits copies of Acts for securing the Dependency of the Colonies and for repealing the Stamp Duties. Expects shortly to send a third for the indemnity of such persons as have received the penalties imposed by the Act just repealed. Extols the care of His Majesty for his Colonies, and the lenity and indulgence of the Parliament. A revision of the late America Trade Laws is to be the immediate object of Parliament. Most earnestly requires that he exert himself in recommending to the Assembly that full and ample compensation be made to those who have suffered for their deference to Acts of the British Legislature. Hopes he will be particularly attentive that such persons be effectually secured from any further insult.

Cutting from a printed paper. 1 *page.*

Endorsed [with two other printed papers, Massachusetts Bay Representatives' Addresses of 3 and 9 June]:—Govʳ Barnard's Speeches to the Assembly.

MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S Hand.

1766, March 31.—Concerning letters from Sir Henry Moore in January and February, from Governor Wright and others.

3¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Ag., 31 March 1766.

MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S Hand.

1766, April 2.—Concerning a letter from Governor Pallisser to Mr. Pownall, 31 March, a letter from Governor Lyttleton to the Board, 29 December 1765, and petitions for land in America.

¼ *quarto page.*

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EDWARD SMITH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, April 6. Chavy.—By the request of his brother, offers his sentiments upon the effect a repeal of the stamp duty may have in America.

Autograph letter signed. 6 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Edward Smith, April 6th, 1766. Repeal of American Stamp Act.

RIGHT HONOURABLE CHARLES TOWNSHEND to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1766, April 9. Gr. Sq.—Apologises for reminding him of the petition subscribed by Lord Adam Gordon, himself, and Mr. Kinlock, for a grant of lands in East Florida.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Right Honourable Charles Townshend, 9 April 1766.

WILLIAM BOLLAN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, April 14. Gerard Street.—Refers to a letter he wrote to the Board of Trade in 1742, concerning the illicit trade carried on between the Northern Colonies and Holland, and the proposals he has made for the better execution of the laws for securing the plantation trade. Desires an interview in order to explain his proposals for putting an end to the Dutch illicit trade.

Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Bollan, 14 April 1766.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR THOMAS HUTCHINSON to his son [query Elisha or Thomas].

1766, April 18. Milton.—Does not expect the House of Representatives will make any compensation to the sufferers. If New York should comply, possibly the people here may follow.

Autograph copy. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a lr. from Lt.-Gr. Hutchinson to his son, dated Milton, 18 April 1766.

The BISHOP OF LONDON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, April 18. Bond Street.—(Signed "Ric. London.") Will appoint a bishop to ordain deacons and priests intended for America.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Bp. of London. April 1766.

MANUFACTURES in the COLONIES.

1766, April 25.—Hints for the prevention of the establishment of manufactures in the Colonies. Suggests the granting of lands and better privileges.

2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Hints presented 25 April 1766.

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MAJOR THOMAS MANT to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1766, April 30.—Encloses the paper he mentioned concerning Detroit, which he hopes will convince his Lordship that the King has a right to dispose of the lands surrounding it.

Autograph letter signed. ½ *page.*

Enclosure:—

Major Thomas Mant's proposal for a settlement at Detroit. Refers to a memorial previously sent, to which was added a description of Detroit, its soil, produce, &c., which he now gives again, showing the desirability of establishing a settlement there.

20½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Major Mant's Proposal for a settlement at Detroit.

Note—Served under General Bradstreet; author of "The History of the Late War in North America, and the Islands of the West Indies, including the Campaigns of 1763 and 1764 against his Majesty's Indian Enemies," published in London in 1772; engaged in extensive agricultural operations in France, and was afterwards imprisoned in Paris for debt

GOVERNOR SIR HENRY MOORE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, April 30. Fort George, New York.—The steps he is taking to secure an exact return of all the quit rents of the Province.

Duplicate letter signed. 8¾ *pages.* [The original is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, New York, Vol. 38, fo. 97.]

Endorsed:—Sr Henry Moore, N. York. 30 April 1766.

STAMP ACT.

1766, May 1.—Extract of a letter from Joseph Reed at Tunton [? Trenton]. "Should Mr. Grenville's fatal Policy prevail, the friendly intercourse between Great Britain and her colonies will soon drop." He will receive news of their deliverance with the most sincere gratitude and joy. To this is added an extract of another letter from John Rhea at Philadelphia of the same date. "The Repeal of the Stamp Act and redress of other Grievances will be Cause of rejoicing to the Americans." Hopes care will be taken to prevent reflections and exultations. Doubts not but that a little time will convince the mother country that they are not undutiful or ungrateful children. Hopes the good advice of the Committee of merchants to their committee will be followed.

¼ *page and* ⅛ *page.*

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR WILLIAM BULL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, May 8. Charlestown.—"On the 24 of last month Lord Hope arrived in this province."

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Lt.-Govr. Bull.

DR. JOHN FOTHERGILL to DR. TEMPLEMAN.

1766, May 21. London.—Concerning the result of some experiments he has made upon sago prepared from the produce of Georgia by

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Mr. Bowen who he considers is entitled to a recompense proportionate to his discovery.

Letter signed. 2⅓ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Dr. Fothergill concerning Mr. Bowen's powder.

Massachusetts Gazette Extraordinary.

1766, Thursday, May 29.—Containing Governor Francis Bernard's speech to the General Assembly, 29 May, and proceedings of a meeting for the election of Councellors.

Printed. 1 *page.*

William Bollan to Lord Dartmouth.

1766, May 30. Gerard Street.—Information he has received concerning an increased illicit trade carried on between Holland and New York.

Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Bollan, recommended by Sr G. Savile.

Reverend J. William Giberne to [Lord Dartmouth].

1766, May 30. Sabine Hall, Richmond, Virginia.—Expresses the admiration of the Americans for the Earl of Dartmouth. Festivities on account of the repeal of the Stamp Act. Colonel Randolph intends sending a young eaglet with a pair of summer ducks.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

With this is placed an autograph draft of Lord Dartmouth's reply, not dated, expressing his pleasure at the confidence of the Virginians in the integrity of the present administration, and acknowledging receipt of the eagle.

Endorsed:—Rev. Mr. Giberne, Virginia. 30 May 1766.

[New York Sons of Liberty.]

1766, May 31. New York.—Circular. "With Hearts elated on the great and important occasion, we, in behalf of the united Sons of Liberty here,":—Congratulations on repeal of the Stamp Act. Thanks for co-operation in the glorious cause.

Copy. 1½ *pages.*

J. Tudway to Lord Dartmouth.

1766, June 2. Wimple Street.—Recommends a young man who is desirous of gaining a competent maintenance in any part of America or elsewhere.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Tudway.

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MASSACHUSETTS BAY HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES to [GOVERNOR FRANCIS BERNARD].

Voted in the House of Representatives, Boston, June 3, 1766.—Address in answer to his speech communicating the Secretary of State's letter of 31 March. Upon the repeal of the Stamp Act.
1 *printed page.*

WILLIAM BRATTLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, June 4. Boston.—Sets forth the allegiance of the province, and explains the late proceedings.
Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—America, 1766.

WILLIAM BOLLAN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, June 9. Gerard Street.—Encloses a letter on the subject of supplying masts for the navy. Having since collected facts and papers which have been laid before his Lordship and the Board, is now ready to attend to give an oral explanation whenever convenient.
Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Mr. Bollan, June 9, 1766.

Enclosure:—
1763, *March* 29. *Leicester Square.—William Bollan to* [ ]. *Proposals for securing from America a perpetual supply of masts for the Royal Navy.*
Copy. 2¾ *quarto pages.*

MASSACHUSETTS BAY HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES to [GOVERNOR FRANCIS BERNARD].

Voted in the House of Representatives, Boston. June 9, 1766.—Address in further answer to his speech of the 3rd inst.
Printed. 2 *columns.*

CAPTAIN GAVIN COCHRANE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, June 10. London.—Account of his proceedings with reference to the repairing of the forts in South Carolina and Georgia in 1764, and of the country through which he passed on his way from Charlestown to Savannah.
Autograph letter signed. 2¼ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—1st. [For other endorsement, *see* his letter of 27 June.]

CAPTAIN GAVIN COCHRANE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, June 11. London.—His journey from Savannah to Augusta. Description of Augusta. Building of Fort Charlotte Visit he paid the French settlement of New Bordeaux in Hillsborough township and Fort Prince George in the Cherokee country.
Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—2d. [For other endorsement, *see* his letter of 27 June 1766.]

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WILLIAM BOLLAN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, June 13. Gerard Street.—Sending the enclosed.
Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosures:—

Brief observations respecting the perpetual supply of masts for the royal navy.
1½ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Brief observas respecting the perpetl supply of masts for the royal navy.

An abstract of several Acts of Parliament made for the importation of masts and other naval stores from the Colonies, and for the preservation of the white and other pine trees.
Original not signed. 3¾ *quarto pages.*

MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S Hand.

N.D. [1766, about June 13].—On American timber for masts. The two chief places whence it can be obtained are New Hampshire and Massachusetts Bay.
Autograph. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—American *masts.*

MERCHANTS OF LANCASTER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, June 13. Lancaster.—Express their grateful sentiments on the repeal of the Stamp Act.
Letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Merchants of Lancaster. 13 June 1766.

CAPTAIN GAVIN COCHRANE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, June 14. London.—The Indian trade is carried on by the people of South Carolina with the Cherokees, and by Georgia with the Creeks. The commanding officer at Fort Prince George constantly has a great deal of Indian business in his hands, and corresponds with Mr. Stuart and the Governor. Orders he (Cochrane) gave to Mr. Price. The province appeared satisfied that he had its interest at heart. Observations on the repairing of the Fort and its situation. Information about the Cherokee Indians. "What I have further to communicate to your Lordship I propose to comprehend in two more letters; in one the Abuses of Indian traders & others going into the Indian Country, of which Reports were made to me And in my other letter give a short Account of the Visit I paid the Island of Frederica last Summer; and trouble your Lordship with my observations on the Climate and Soil of South Carolina and Georgia. But before I proceed further I will do myself the honour to wait of your Lordship to know if what I have already troubled you with has any ways contributed to your entertainment; And if I have been too superficial, or what is more likely, too particular; that I may shun these faults in my other letters."
Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

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COLONEL JOHN RANDOLPH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1766, June 15. Williamsburg, Virginia.—Concerning a young eagle and other birds he is sending his lordship.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

On the reverse of the letter is a draft of Lord Dartmouth's reply, not dated, returning thanks for the birds.

Endorsed:—Col[l] Randolph, Virginia June 15 1766.

THOMAS CUSHING, Speaker, to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, June 21. Boston, New England.—Transmitting, by order of the Massachusetts Bay House of Representatives, the enclosed vote of thanks.
Letter signed. Sealed wrapper. 1 *quarto page.*

With this is placed an autograph draft of Lord Dartmouth's reply, not dated, thanking the House for the honour done him.

Endorsed:—Th[s] Cushing, Speaker of the House of Represent. Massachusets' Bay 21 June 1766.

Enclosure:—

In the House of Representatives, June 20, 1766.—*Vote of thanks of Massachusetts Bay House of Representatives.*
True copy. ⅝ *quarto page.*

HENRY KENNAN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, June 26. Crutched Fryars.—Containing proposals concerning the culture of silk in Georgia.
Autograph letter signed. 2⅓ *pages.*

Endorsed:—To Lord Dartmouth. Mr. Henry Kennan, 26 June 1766.

CAPTAIN GAVIN COCHRANE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, June 27. London.—Containing information concerning the Mortar and Creek Indians in 1764 and of the influence of the French over them. Some of the English are not less dangerous, and occasion discontent among the Indians by grossly imposing upon them. Complaints made by the Cherokees against the white people. Measures taken by Cochrane in consequence. Evil effects caused by the great quantities of rum taken by the traders to the Indians. Explains what is meant by the term "Crackers" a lawless set of men on the frontiers of Virginia, Maryland, the Carolinas, and Georgia.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed [with others of 10, 11, and 14 June]:—Cap[n] Cochrane's Letters. From Cap[t] Cockran 30 of June.

C. WILLIAMOS to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1766, July 3. Williamsburgh in Virginia.—His voyage to Charles Town. Favourable disposition of the people. Salary granted to Lord C. [Montagu]. Came through North Carolina to Virginia where he intends staying ten days. Improvement in the state of the province.

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Sentiments of the people throughout the continent on the repeal of the Stamp Act and the right of taxing themselves. Distress for want of money. Proposes a plan for establishing a bank in order to obviate this difficulty. Advisability of encouraging the culture of silk, vines and olive trees in Carolina and Georgia.

Autograph letter signed. 12 *quarto pages.*

Merchants, Manufacturers and Traders of MANCHESTER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, July 5. Manchester.—Sincere and cordial thanks for his Lordship's assiduity and concurrence in obtaining the repeal of the Stamp Act and for promoting other Acts essential to the advantage of commerce.

Letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Merchants, &c., of Manchester, 5 July 1766.

The MARQUIS OF ROCKINGHAM to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1766, July 6, Sunday evening. Grosvenor Square.—Desires to see him on the following day to communicate a matter of much political consequence.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Marq. of Rockingham, 6 July 1766.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON to SECRETARY H. S. CONWAY.

1766, July 10. Johnson Hall.—With reference to the enclosed.

Extract. 1⅛ *pages.*

Endorsed:—(Copy.) Extract of a letter from Sir William Johnson to Mr. Secretary Conway dated 10th July 1766.

Enclosure:—

Reason for establishing a British Colony at the Illinois, with some proposals for carrying the same into immediate execution. From its extreme fertility it has been called the "granary" of Louisiana. The 400 French families now settled there would not be serious rivals in trade as their goods are transported from New Orleans up the Mississippi, whereas the English have ready communication from Virginia and Pennsylvania to Fort Pitt. The French posts on the E. side of the Mississippi being now in possession of the English a settlement there would be the best means of supporting them. The proposals include—The purchase of lands from the Indians; grants to soldiers who served in the last war and the offer of a company of gentlemen of character and fortune, on consideration of a grant of land, to settle at least one white Protestant person to every one hundred acres.

17¼ *pages.* [*Two copies are in the Marquis of Lansdowne's Collection. See Fifth Report, Appendix, p.* 216 *and* 218.]

Endorsed:—Reasons for establishing a British Colony at the Illinois, with some proposals thereon.

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LORD D[ARTMOUTH] to ROBERT LIVESEY.

1766, July 12.—In answer to the letter from the Manchester merchants, 5 July. Thanks for the letter received.
Autograph copy signed. 1 *quarto page.*

MAJOR-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to HENRY SEYMOUR CONWAY.

1766, July 15. New York.—" Advices from the Ilinois mention an illicit Trade, whereby French Goods are smuggled up the Ohio and to the Lakes, and the Peltry of those Countrys carried down the Mississippi to New Orleans; where Skins and Furrs bear a Price of ten Pence Pr. Pound higher than at any British Market. The best means seemingly to prevent this Trade carried on by Collusion between some of His Majesty's new subjects from Canada Detroit and other Places, and the French Traders, would be to pass a Law to seize and confiscate all Furrs and skins going down the Ohio below the Ouabache, or down the Ilinois River below the Rock as well as all Skins and Furrs from the Ilinois country or above it, which shall be found on the Mississippi below the Mouth of the Ohio, or carrying over to the west side of the Mississippi." Proposes the erection of posts at convenient spots. Fort Chartres must soon tumble as the River gains so considerably on its banks every year. Fresh complaints from the Indians whom Sir William Johnson is trying to pacify. Has offered assistance to drive the settlers off the Indian lands.
Extract. 3¾ *pages.* [The original letter is in the Public Record Office. America and West Indies. Vol. 122, fol. 335.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from Major-General Gage to Mr. Secretary Conway, dated New York, 15th July 1766.

MERCHANTS of LIVERPOOL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, July 19. Liverpool.—Express their thanks for his strenuous and effectual support of the many salutary laws passed the last session of Parliament, particularly the repeal of the Stamp Act. Desire that he will accept the freedom of the borough.
Letter signed. 2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Merchants of Liverpool, 19 July 1766.

LORD D[ARTMOUTH] to DENNIS DE BERDT, in Artillery Court, near Goswell Street.

1766, July 22.—Finds that an application must be made to the Governor for a minute account of every particular contained in the petition from the Presbyterian Churches of New York. Hopes the ministry will be able to recommend the King to grant the charter desired.
Autograph signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Lord Dartmouth's letter, 22 July 1766.

MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S Hand.

N. D. [1766, July].—Relative to Brattle's letter to De Berdt, 6 June 1766, to grants in Sagadahoc, to memorials from the Presbyterian Church in New York, and to Chief Justice Smyth.

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DENNYS DE BERDT to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1766, August 5. Enfield.—Is obliged for the care he took of the Boston address. Hopes he will not resign. It must be a misinformation that Boston has *refused* to make the satisfaction recommended by Parliament, it must only be a *delay*. Will write to the speaker on this head.

Autograph letter signed. 1¼ *quarto pages.*

MERCHANTS of LONDON trading to America and the West Indies, to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, August 5. London.—Thanks for the services rendered by his Lordship to Great Britain and her colonies during his administration.

Original. ½ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Merchants of London trading to America & the West Indies. 5 August 1766.

DENNYS DE BERDT to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1766, August 22. Enfield.—Expresses his concern at his Lordship's resignation, and at the loss the Americans will sustain. Is pleased to be the medium of conveying a vote of the House of Representatives expressive of their grateful sentiments to him. Is informed of the declining state of President Finly of the Jersey College. Does not find the petition of the House committed to the care of the Duke of Richmond, in the Gazette. Hopes his Grace did not forget to deliver it.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅞ *quarto pages.*

DR. ELEAZAR WHEELOCK to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, September 4. Lebanon in Connecticut.—"May it please your Lordship. Were I not confident, upon good Testimonies, that God has inspired your Breast with another Spirit, than that which rules in the men of this world, and with nobler Principles, and higher views than they are governd by, I might well be solicitous what Returns of Gratitude to make, which your Lordship might think Suitable for such distinguishing condesention, and Goodness, as you have Shewn in the Grand Affair, on which I have sent the Revd Messrs Whitaker and Occom, in my Stead, to Europe; but as the success of the general Design in view, is the only Joy that is set before you, I need not Trouble you with, so much as, a mention of those Sentiments of Gratitude toward you, which fill not only mine, but the Hearts of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in this corner of the world.

Nor can I, with this confidence of your Lordship, be so modestly reserved, in a Cause in which I am not conscious to myself of having any other governing views than the Advancement of the kingdom of our common Lord, and the Interests of his Majesty's Crown, as not to Suggest any other Favour, which may be in the Power of your Hands, towards it, or attainable by your Lordship's Influence. And particularly that the grand Design be incouraged, and accomodated with a Grant of Lands suitably situate, and Sufficient for it, as by the late Conquests large Tracts are become the Property of the British Crown, and other Tracts which were before chartered, but unsettled and of but little account, by Reason of their Distance from English Settlements, and

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their Vicinity to an Enemy's country, are now become valuable and may soon be peopled.

Of these Lands, his Majesty has already been pleased, with good Reason, to make various Grants to one and another, as a Reward of their Merit, and as Profit has accrued to his Crown by their Service. But, may it please your Lordship, there has been nothing hitherto devised, or done, in which there is any Prospect of the firm Attachment of the Numerous Tribes of Savages in this land, to the british Interest, and their becoming good and peacible subjects, and industrious Members of Society, which has in any Measure that Degree of Probability in it, as this has which is recommended to your Lordships Patronage.

The Nations will not make war with us while their Children, and especially the children of their Chiefs are with us—They can't resist the Evidence we hereby give them of the Sincerity of our Intentions towards them—They know their Sons are made better by being with us —and that we make no gain to ourselves by it—They receive the Testimony of their Sons, that we constantly treat them as Children in Health, and in Sickness, and calculate all our measures for their Good—And they begin to believe that our Motives are something great, quite beyond what they have before conceived of them— Many of them begin to be convinced of the Necessity of Agriculture, in order to their Subsistance when their Resourses from the Wilderness fail, (as they certainly must do, when, and so fast, as the English extend their Settlements among them) and their own Sons are made able, by their Education here, to influence them in it—The Reputation of this School and their Fondness to have their Children taught in it, are yet increasing—A number of their own Sons are now become accomplished Interpreters and School Masters, among their Tribes; and recommend a Sober, manly, virtuous, and religious Life by their own Example. I can now obtain as many of their Children as I please, to be instructed here, and an hundred of them easier than I could one six years ago—And how many and important are the consequences which now open to our view?

And by the royal Favour of a Tract of Land, in Some Place convenient, sufficient to accomodate the School, and employ the Members of it while they are learning Husbandry, there is a fair Prospect that more than double the Benefit might be done them, and the Crown, with the Same Expence.

But as I am ignorant what may be reasonable to petition for, and as I would not needlessly burden your Lordship in this affair, I have fully communicated my mind to the Rev^{d} M^{r} Whitefield, and M^{r} Whitaker, by whom your Lordship may expect to hear what may be judged most conducive to the great End, in view.

"I humbly ask your Lordships Pardon for this Freedom, and I hope the Nature, and importance of the subject may be esteem'd, in some Measure, Sufficient Excuse for him, who begs leave, with the most sincere Duty, and Respect to subscribe himself. Your Lordships Most Obedient, and Most Humble Servant. Eleazar Wheelock."

Autograph letter signed. 3 quarto pages.

Sir James Jay to Lord Dartmouth.

[1766], September 22, Monday. Freeman's Court, Cornhill.—Sends the charter of the college of New York and desires to see him on matters concerning the college.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Sr. Jas. Jay, America.

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JOHN SMITH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, October 17. London.—Hopes Dr. Allison's scheme for alteration in the mode of church government in America will not succeed.
Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*
Note on back:—Mr. Ernst at the Fox, Brewer Street.

GENERAL PHINEAS LYMAN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

[1766, October 28].—[This letter is not dated, but a letter on the same subject addressed to the Earl of Shelburne of this date is in the collection at Lansdowne House, see Fifth Report, Appendix, p. 216.]
Not autograph. 38 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Observations on the navigation of the Mississippi by Gen[l] Lyman.

GOVERNOR SIR HENRY MOORE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, November 11. New York.—Lord Hope has gone to South Carolina for the winter. Hopes the representations made of the favourable disposition of the Americans will prove true, but appearances are against them at present. Fears the licentious tenets held in some of the Charter colonies will be productive of mischief. Will lay the Billeting Act shortly before his assembly, and will then see what deference will be paid to Acts of Parliament.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

CAPTAIN GAVIN COCHRANE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, November 14. Nielston.—Gives an account of his voyage from Savannah to the Island of Frederica, and describes that place and others passed *en route*. Remarks on fruits in Georgia and cultivation of the vine in America, also the produce of Charlestown.
Autograph letter signed. 5 *quarto pages.*

MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S Hand.

[1766], November 21.—Relative to memorials from the Weaver's Company, Major Mant, Gordon, and Captain Speer.
Autograph. ⅔ *folio page.*
Endorsed:—Minutes November 21. Weaver, Mant, Gordon, Speer.

MERCHANTS of NEW YORK to the HOUSE OF COMMONS.

N. D. [1766, November 28].—Petition to resume the consideration of the Plantation trade.
Not signed. 11 *folio pages.* [Also in the Marquis of Lansdowne's Collection, see Fifth Report, Appendix, p. 218.]
Endorsed:—Petition from New York.

BILLS AND SCHEMES touching the AMERICAN COLONIES.

N. D. [1766 or 1767].—An Act for the more effectually restraining and preventing several unwarrantable Combinations and Undertakings in His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America.
Manuscript. 11½ *pages.*
Endorsed:—Dra[t] of Bill.

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N. D. [1766].—Clause of an Act with reference to the seizure of bullion in America.

Manuscript. 1 *quarto page.*

1766.—Pamphlet entitled, "The Charters of the following Provinces of North America, viz., Virginia, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pensylvania, Massachusetts Bay, and Georgia. To which is prefixed a Faithful Narrative of the Proceedings of the North American Colonies, in consequence of the late Stamp Act. London: Printed for W. Owen, at Temple Bar; J. Almon, in Piccadilly; and F. Blyth, at John's Coffee House, Royal Exchange, MDCCLXVI."

69 *quarto pages.*

N. D. [1766].—"Scheme for an Union between Great Britain and her Colonies by a representation in Parliament." It begins thus:—

"Massachusets Bay - - }
Pensylvania - - - } Each four Members to represent them or a smaller number at their option."
Virginia - - - }

2 *folio pages.*

N. D. [1766].—A List of duties laid on certain articles by "The Act of Parliament passed in 1764 called the American Act," with observations thereon.

3 *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Remarks on certain Duties of 1764 & 1765.

N. D. [1766].—Paper of suggestions on the best measures to be pursued with regard to America. The Declaratory Act to remain unrepealed, without saying a word about it in the subsequent negotiation. The unlimited Supremacy of Parliament, not to be claimed on one side nor questioned on the other. The Right of Taxation, neither to be renounced on one side nor acknowledged by the other. The Supremacy of Parliament to be recognized by the Americans. All Acts, deemed grievances, passed since 1763 to be repealed. Commissioners to be appointed to settle differences. Restrictions respecting trade to cease. Troops to return and the fleet to remain or not, at the option of the ministry.

1 *folio page.*

House of Lords.

N. D. [1766].—[*qy.* Lord Dartmouth's Draft of a Speech in the House of Lords.] American papers to be laid before them for their consideration. Remarks on the King's speech. Is aware how delicate and difficult a task they have to enter upon, but can have no doubt that upon a thorough knowledge of the causes and extent of the disease their wisdom will be able to prescribe a proper remedy. State of tranquillity in the Eastern hemisphere. Their Lordships will not forget to condole with the King on the loss sustained by the death of Prince Frederick William.

Dartmouth's autograph. 4½ *folio pages, draft.*

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Minutes in Lord Dartmouth's Hand.

N. D. [1766].—Relative to a letter from Lord Halifax to the Board, 9 February 1765, and the fishing posts granted by the French King on the Labrador coast, 29 August 1765. Concerning a memorial of the Virginia and South Carolina agents, some Jamaica papers, and two letters from Sir Hy. Moore to Lord Dartmouth, 21 December 1765.

1 *quarto page.*

Private Memorandum Book of Lord Dartmouth.

1765–66.—Containing notes of Parliamentary proceedings in 1765 and 1766, concerning the Stamp Act, and other miscellaneous items.

Autograph. 14 *octavo pages* (*paper cover*).

Roads in America.

N. D. [*qy.* about 1766].—Paper endorsed, "Captain Legge's proposal of a Company of 100 Axmen, to make and preserve roads in the interior parts of North America." "There is nothing so much wanting in North America, in order to protect the country from the Indians, and give immediate relief to the many divided posts we have established there, than open and secure roads from one to the other." During the late war in North America roads were made by cutting down trees. Proposes a scheme which he thinks worth the consideration of Government, and believes the result will be adequate to any expense incurred.

2½ *quarto pages.*

"Memorandum to take the King's Pleasure."

N. D. [*qy.* 1766].—Six items respecting the Newfoundland Merchants' petition, the Lieutenant-Governor of Placentia, Governor Paterson's (of St. John) despatches, appointment of another Secretary and Chief Justice for New Hampshire, Colden's willingness to resign his office of Lieutenant-Governor of New York if desired, and pardon for Reynold McDougal in North Carolina.

1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Mem^{m}.

General Phineas Lyman.

N. D. [1766].—Reasons for a settlement on the Mississippi. Giving state of the country. Inhabited by Indians. Their present relations with the English and French. Proposal for settlement of the rich country near the Mississippi with the consent of the Indians living there. Advantages to trade resulting therefrom, especially to the settlement of West Florida. Suggests the establishment of schools for Indians. Difficulty of managing Indian affairs from a distance. Suitable time for this settlement must be considered.

Not autograph. 26¼ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Gen^{l} Lyman's Reasons for a settlement in the Mississippi.

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N. D. [1766].—Abstract of the foregoing.
3½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Abstract of Gen. Lyman's Reasons.

Major Thomas Mant.

N. D. [1766].—Extracts from his proposal for a settlement at Detroit, containing the "Objection" raised by the Board of Trade, and his "Defence" in reply.
4½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Objection against, and Defence for a Settlement at Detroit.

J. Robarts.

N. D. [1766].—Paper endorsed, "Observations upon Trade in general, and upon the Trade with the Spanish West Indies in particular."
Not signed. 20 *pages.*

William Prince, Starch-maker, to the Commons of Great Britain.

N. D. [1766 about].—Petition. States that starch can be made as easily from rice as from wheat, and if he could rely on encouragement being given him, he would undertake that business in the present distress from scarcity of wheat. Asks that rice imported from the American Colonies might for the term of seven years be free of duty, and that rice starch might be allowed to be exported.
Corrected in another hand. ¾ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—The Petition of William Prince to the Honourable House of Commons on Rice-Starch.

Sir William Johnson to the Earl of Shelburne.

1767, January 15. Johnson Hall.—Has just received the news of Mr. Croghan, one of his deputies, having surmounted all the difficulties which the French created to obstruct his transactions at the Illinois. A peace has been made between the English and the Indians. The necessity of a regular establishment, and a proper support of the officers of Indian affairs to preserve this peace on account of the intrigues of the French, fraudulent traders, and turbulent Indians. His three deputies have each a district allotted for their visitation, but lack of power limits their hopes of success.
Extract. 2½ *folio pages.* [The original signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 271, fol. 167.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from Sir W^m^ Johnson to the Earl of Shelburne. Dated Johnson Hall 15^th^ Jan^y^ 1767.

Major-General Thomas Gage to the Earl of Shelburne.

1767, January 17.—With respect to the trade of the Illinois and in general of the Mississippi, the benefit at present accruing thence to Great Britain seems to be confined to the disposal of her manufactures.

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Loss accruing to the Government by the trade carried on by the French with the Indians chiefly at New Orleans.

Extract. 2¼ *folio pages.* [The autograph signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 123, fol. 51.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Major-Genl. Gage to the Earl of Shelburne, dated New York, Jany. 17, 1767.

CAPTAIN FRANCIS LEGGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1767, January 20. New York.—Asking his assistance to purchase a majority in the 28th Regiment.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *folio pages.*

Endorsed on a wrapper covering also a letter of 8 April:—Captain Legge, New York, 2 Jany / 8 April } 1767.

Enclosure:—

Captain Francis Legge. Memorial to Lord Barrington. Desiring to purchase a majority vacated by Major Arthur Brown who has had leave to come to England.

Original. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Memorial of Capt. Francis Legge, of the 46 *Regiment. Captain Legge was appointed Captain* 15 *February* 1757.

REVEREND EDWARD DAVIES to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1767, February 1. Portskewett.—On receiving the enclosed he immediately sent it to the nearest post office to be forwarded. Two other packets were found at the same time, apparently dropped from some traveller's pocket, one was addressed to Messrs. Neale, Ligon, and Booth, merchants, London, and the other to Messrs. Crisp and Company, merchants, London. Will be glad to hear of the safe arrival of this.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Rev. Mr. Davies. 1 Feby. 1767.

Enclosure:—

STEPHEN SAYRE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, *December* 13. *Philadelphia.—The merchants of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, and probably all the colonies, expected, according to the advice received from the merchants of London, that their trade would be extended, but they declare it has been lessened by the laws passed last session. The merchants of Boston and New York have petitioned for redress, and those of this town will probably do the same unless it is felt to be impracticable. Remarks on the importation of sugar, and prohibition of all foreign rum. The fishery much injured by Governor Pallisser and his officers, and fears it will decrease under such severity and partial behaviour. Concern at the*

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fresh arrival of troops. Inconvenience caused by Parliament destroying the paper currency in the Colonies.
Autograph letter signed. 10 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Mr. Sayre, Philadelphia. Dec. 13, 1766.

Note.—Mr. Sayre was afterwards a sheriff of London and a banker. On a charge of treason he was committed to the Tower but released almost immediately. Having quitted England he accompanied Arthur Lee to Berlin in the year 1777 and was with him when the noted robbery of that Commissioner's despatch box took place.

MAJOR-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to the EARL OF SHELBURNE.

1767, February 22.—Transmits copy of a journal made out by Captain Gordon, Chief Engineer of North America, in his progress down the Ohio to the Illinois, and considers its contents respecting the Indian trade on the Mississippi and state of Fort Chartres. The Spaniards are not yet settled in their new acquisition, but their new subjects are already disgusted with a Spanish government, and their inexperience in Indian management or commerce may prove advantageous to the English. In answer to the Earl of Shelburne's letter of 11 December, he states what he considers the best methods of managing the Indians and carrying on the commerce with them on the most advantageous terms. Is aware of the difficulties of exacting strict observance of any rules by the Indians owing to their wild and vicious character. Commends means used by the French in trading with them.

Extract. 10½ *folio pages.* [The autograph signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 123, fol. 113.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Major-Genl. Gage to the Earl of Shelburne, dated New York, Feby. 22nd, 1767.

Enclosure:—

Extracts from the Journal of Captain Harry Gordon. Halted on the 6th August at Fort "Masiach," formerly a French post, 120 *miles below the mouth of the Wabash. Describes the country. The reason the French sent a garrison to this place was to check the Cherokee parties that came down the river. Proposes the erection of a fort here as the most suitable spot in connection with the trade carried on up the Mississippi and Ohio.*
Extracts. 4 *pages and* 3 *lines.*
Endorsed:—(Copy.) Extracts from the Journal of Capt. Harry Gordon, 1766.

MAJOR-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to the EARL OF SHELBURNE.

1767, April 3. New York.—The situation and particular circumstances of the Illinois country, and the use, if that country is maintained, of guarding the Ohio and Illinois rivers, makes him state again the necessity of establishing forts at or near the junction of the Ohio and Illinois rivers with the Mississippi. On this account troops are to be stationed in the Illinois country. Fort Pitt is absolutely necessary for a communication with the Illinois.

Extract. ¾ *folio page.* [The autograph signed letter is in the

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Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 123, fol. 143.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Major-General Gage to the Earl of Shelburne, dated New York, April 3rd, 1767.

Captain Francis Legge to Lord Dartmouth.

1767, April 8. New York.—His disappointment at not being allowed to purchase a majority. Family matters.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

John Randolph to Lord Dartmouth.

1767, June 10. Williamsburg, Virginia.—Sending two summer drakes by the "Hanbury," Captain Estem.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—J. Randolph Esq. Virginia June 1767.

Lady Rockingham to Lord Dartmouth.

[1767, June 15.] Grosvenor Square, Monday night (is endorsed 14 June).—Writes for Lord Rockingham, who is deeply engaged in Cabinet Council and very unwell. He is very anxious for Lord Dartmouth to return to town for next Wednesday, when the business to be brought into the House of Lords will be most important. He thinks their opinions will agree on this matter, and that Lord Dartmouth would like to be present.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Lady Rockingham, June 14, 1767. Ly. Rockingham, June 1767.

Stephen Sayre to Lord Dartmouth.

1767, June 25. New York.—American objection to taxation. Is astonished at the Parliamentary proceedings. Remarks on the steps taken by the American merchants.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Sayer afterwards a banker and well known in London. F K D.

Marquis of Rockingham to Lord Dartmouth.

1767, July 9. Grosvenor Square, Thursday evening.—Details of what passed at General Conway's, relative to their coming into administration. The Treasury offered to form a plan of arrangement by way of propositions. Has communicated with the Bedfords, who think G. G. and his friends should be included, to carry more weight and more efficacy. Hopes to meet Lord Dartmouth with other friends on Monday to discuss these affairs. Cannot forsee the result, but greatly needs the assistance of his friends at this time.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Marq. of Rockingham, July 1767.

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Marquis of Rockingham to Lord Dartmouth.

1767, August 15. Wentworth, Saturday night.—Apologizes for not writing before. Not well up in Parliamentary affairs. Thinks their old friends seem to conceive they will gain strength by the addition of Lord B.'s friends. Desires to see Lord Dartmouth at Wentworth in September and to talk over the past and present state of politics.

Autograph letter signed. 5 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Marq. of Rockingham, 15th Aug. 1767.

Enclosure:—

The Marquis of Rockingham to [Lord Hardwicke].

1767, *July* 26. *Sunday evening.—Gives details of his proceedings with the King and others with reference to his plan of administration to assert and establish the rights of Great Britain over its Colonies respecting taxation.*

Copy. 11¼ *quarto pages.*

Michilimackinac.

An Account of the Number of Canoes gone out from July 4 to September 12, 1767, and a Return of Peltry sent down from June 23 to September 25, 1767. Signed by B. Roberts, Commissary of Indian Affairs and Trade, and addressed to the Earl of Dartmouth. Showing date, traders' names, securities for traders' conduct, number of canoes, places of wintering, and value of merchandise.

1 *sheet.*

Endorsed:—Return of the Trade at Michilimackinac 1767.

Messrs. Baynton and Wharton to Lauchlin McLeane.

1767, October 9. Philadelphia.—They are the only English merchants who have ventured to forward British merchandise to the Illinois country. Influence of the French great with the Indians. Desirability of establishing forts and stationing troops in Illinois to keep the French in check. The Chippaways have plundered two batteaux between Fort Pitt and Fort Chartres.

Extract. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Messrs. Baynton and Wharton to Lauchlin Macleane, Esq. Philadelphia, 9th Octr. 1767.

Memoranda.

[1767.]—Paper headed "Agenda," consisting of memoranda of letters and papers under the headings: *Trade,*—Senegambia, Africa, Portugal, Spain; and *Trade, General,*—Plantations General, Proprieties, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Hants, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, East Florida, West Florida, Grenada, Bahamas, Bermuda, Leeward Islands, Jamaica, and Barbados.

Manuscript. 25 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Agenda.

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Dennys de Berdt to the Earl of Shelburne.

1767.—"It is now received as an universal proposition that the Strength, Riches and Influence of Great Britain, depend upon Commerce; whatever therefore diminishes our Commerce must enfeeble and weaken our national Influence."

Letter signed. 1¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. de Berdt to the E. of Shelburne. 1767. On the trade with America.

General Phineas Lyman to the King.

N. D. [1767].—Memorial on behalf of himself, the officers and corps of the American Provincial troops.

Copy. 3 *pages.* [The original Memorial is in the Public Record Office, series America and the West Indies, Vol. 270, fol. 367.]

Endorsed:—Memorial of Phineas Lyman Esq., on behalf of himself and others &c., for a settlement on the Mississippi.

West Florida.

N. D. [? 1767].—Extract of a letter to Mr. Oldham from a gentleman said (*sic*) arrived from West Florida. Describes the country for many miles round Pensacola as utterly incapable of cultivation, nor is it possible for the troops to procure vegetables however industrious they may be, the fatal consequence of which has been the total destruction of the 35th Regiment. Scarcity of other provisions. Manner of living at Mobile is much the same as that of Pensacola, but somewhat better, on account of its being nearer the Indian nations. Mobile is not so healthy as Pensacola, being subject in the summer to an incurable fever; this is occasioned by its situation. It is the worst quarters British troops were ever sent to and the consequence of their going is certain ruin.

2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Account of West Florida.

New York.

N. D. [*Qy.* about 1767.]—Charles Williamos. Proposal for taxing a lease of the quit-rents of the province of New York.

Original in Williamos' hand. 1 *page.*

Lieutenant-General Thomas Gage to the Earl of Shelburne.

1768, January 23. New York.—French people killed on the Ohio by the Chickesaws, who are determined not to suffer them to hunt upon their lands. Mr. Aubry has always taken pains to restrain the Indians in the French interest. Brigadier Haldimand will, in return, endeavour to prevent the French being molested by Indians over whom he may have any influence.

Extract. 1 *page.* [The autograph signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and the West Indies, Vol. 124, fol. 37.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Lieut.-General Gage to the Earl of Shelburne, dated New York, Janry. 23rd 1768.

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The Earl of Hillsborough to the Lords of the Admiralty.

1768, February 12. Whitehall.—It is the King's pleasure that transports be provided to carry the 8th regiment of foot to North America.

Copy. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—(Copy.) Earl of Hillsborough to Lords of the Admiralty. 12th February 1768. *Transports for 8th Regt.*

N.B.—This letter was returned, the Earl of Shelburne having signified the King's pleasure to the Lords of the Admiralty.

The Earl of Hillsborough to Lord Viscount Barrington.

1768, February 12. Whitehall.—The King orders that the 8th Regiment be got in readiness to embark for North America to relieve the 15th regiment.

Copy. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—(Copy.) Earl of Hillsborough to Lord Visct Barrington 12th Febry. 1768. 8th Regt to relieve 15th.

Dr. Wheelock's Indian Charity School.

N. D. [1768, Feb. 17].—Draft of Certificate, *qy.*, the "recommendation" referred to in the following letter. "We the Trustees for the monies collected in England for the use & benefit of Dr Wheelocks Indian Charity Schools in N. A. Do hereby certify all whom it may concern that the Revd Nathl Whitaker D.D. hath executed the business of his mission in collecting monies for said Charity with zeal, diligence, care and faithfulness; and as a testimony of our intire approbation of his conduct in the whole of this extensive and difficult business, we have thought proper to make him a present of one hundred pounds besides the expence of his journying & the necessary support of his family during his absence: And we do most heartily recommend him to the notice & respect of all christian people where ever he may come, as one whom we have found, by his diligence & faithfulness to be very succesful in the business he hath been engaged in. In testimony of which we have hereto subscribed our names this. . . ."

No signatures. ½ *quarto page.*

Dr. Nathaniel Whitaker to Lord Dartmouth.

1768, February 18. London.—"Sir, The recommendation which mr Keen sent your Lordship yesterday was drawn by myself, which I conclude he informed you of. When I drew it, modesty forbid my saying all that might be necessary fully to establish my character abroad, as having acted my part, not only with *zeal, diligence, care, & faithfulness*, which could say without arrogance; but also with prudence, wisdom and christian fortitude & finished the work with honour & esteem as a christian and minister of Christ, &c.

I freely own it makes me blush to mention these things, as it savors of vanity in me to suppose them of myself; but if your Lordship can think that some such amendment can be made consistant with truth, it will add to all the former obligations I am under to you & the other Gentlemen of the Trust, if you will be so kind as to draw it with

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some such alteration; and this will give fresh Spirit to the cause itself, when the pious doners come to know that I have met with the fullest approbation from the honourable trustees.

As a vessel is going for Boston next week or the begining of the week after, if the recommendation can be finished, it will put it in my power to endeavour going in her, which, if it can be accomplished, will save the expence of longer support here.

I beg leave to ask wherther it would not be best to leave out of the recommendation the kind donation which the Hon^ble^ trust have made to me, as it may offend some, tho' it should please others but this I submit to better judgment.

If I may have the honour of taking leave of your Lordship before my departure, it will add to all the other obligations of your Lordship's most obliged most obedient humble Servant, Nath^l^ Whitaker."

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Dr. Nathaniel Whitaker to Lord Dartmouth.

1768, February 23. London.—"Your letter of the 19^th^ I received yesterday, & the contents intimate your Lordships displeasure with me, which very sensibly affects my mind & fills me with sinking grief.

Doubtless the hurry of my affairs in preparing for my voyage hath led me into several steps of conduct which will not bare the reflection of my superiors, and discovers great indelicacy, tho' I am not conscious of any designed offence. The reason why I drew up the scetch of recommendation &c. was the hint which your Lord-Ship was pleased kindly to give, that it should be done to my satisfaction, & the desire of m^r^ Keen that I would write something like what I would have, which I did not suppose would be the form of it, but be drawn as should seem best to your Lordship. Yet I acknowledge upon reading your Letter, my conduct appears to me to savour much of *dictating* which I abhor in myself, & which I hope your Lordship will pass by with all your wonted kindness. Could I know wherein I have offend your Lordship or any of the gentlemen of the trust, tho' inadvertantly, I should count it an honour freely to acknowledge it, and humbly to ask your and their pardon. And tho' I am not conscious, in the sight of God, of any wilful offence, yet, as I know I have numberless infirmities & weaknesses, which have exposed me to many unjustifiable Steps in conduct, which I reflect on with grief, I humbly hope a kind veil will be cast over them all. I heartily retract all I have done about the recommendation, and leaving it with great cheerfulness to your Lordships wisdom & goodness to form it, as you shall see meet, only beg that all I have done amiss may be kindly passed by & that I may stand well in the good Opinion of the Hon^ble^ Trustees.

I can assure your Lordship, that as it has been, so I purpose it ever shall be my care & endeavour to promote the cause you have so kindly patronized, and pray that the worthy Trust may see a glorious harvest of souls gathered from among the poor Indians in America.

I have this day taken a passage in the vessel which sails next Monday for New York, Capt. Richards. If your Lordship pleases to favor me with the Recommendation, it will greatly oblige your Lordships most obliged, dutiful & hum^be^ Serv^t^, Nath^l^ Whitaker."

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev^d^ Dr. Whitaker 1768.

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MAJOR-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to the EARL OF SHELBURNE.

1768, March 12. New York.—Approaching congress of Indians. There is reason to suspect that this presages mischief. Propriety of securing the principal posts, particularly those of Niagara and Fort Pitt by putting them in a state of defence. Remarks on the possible disposition of the Indians. The Spaniards have got up to the Illinois country from New Orleans.

Extract. 4¼ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from General Gage to the Earl of Shelburne, dated New York, March 12th, 1768.

Enclosure:—

1767, *October 5 and 28. Fort Chartres, Illinois.—Extracts of letters from Lieutenant-Colonel Reed, 34th Regiment, to Major-General Gage. His endeavours to reduce the expenses attending Indian presents, the exorbitant amount of which gives him much uneasiness. Presents are necessary on account of the duplicity of the French traders. A memorandum is added concerning his proposal to erect four new forts besides Fort Chartres.*

Extracts.

Endorsed:—Extracts of Letters from Lieut.-Col. Reed, of 34th Regt to Genl Gage, dated Fort Chartres, Illinois Octr 5th 1767. In Major-Genl. Gage's of 12th March 1768.

CABINET MINUTE.

1768, March 18.—To submit to the King certain instructions advisable to be sent to General Gage with regard to the disposition of the forts and troops in America.

1⅔ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Minute of Cabinet 18th March 1768.

MAJOR-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to the Earl OF SHELBURNE.

1768, April 24. New York.—Complaints he has made of the settlers and traders from the Spanish side of the Mississippi, who go up the rivers Illinois, Ohio, and Ouabache, to trade with the Indians in His Majesty's territories. Has desired Don Ulloa to prohibit their going up these rivers, and has sent directions to officers commanding at Fort Chartres, to scour the rivers with armed boats.

Extract. 1⅓ *pages.* [The original autograph signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 124, fol. 129.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from General Gage to the Earl of Shelburne, dated New York, April 24th 1768.

The EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH to the EARL OF SHELBURNE.

1768, July 27. Whitehall.—The 64th and 65th regiments are to be sent immediately to North America.

Copy. 1 *page.* [A draft of this letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 124, fol. 241.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to the Earl of Shelburne dated Whitehall 27th July 1768, 64th & 65th Regts to be embarked.

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The Earl of Hillsborough to the Lords of the Admiralty.

1768, July 28. Whitehall.—Concerning transports to convey the 64th and 65th regiments of foot from Ireland to Boston. The frigate which is to convoy the transports to North America is to remain in those seas in case of necessity. Expedition required in this service.

Copy. 2½ *pages.* [The signed letter is in the Public Record Office, Admiralty, Secretary of State's Letters, Vol. 42, fol. 125.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to the Lords of the Admty., dated Whitehall 28th July 1768. Transports for 64th & 65th Reg^ts.

The Earl of Hillsborough to General Gage.

1768, August 13th. Whitehall.—Reasons for his inability to transmit directions with regard to letter No. 3, containing opinions and propositions on the Illinois country.

Extract. ½ *page.* [A draft of this letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 124, fol. 287.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gen^l Gage, dated Whitehall, Aug^st 13, 1768.

Major-General Thomas Gage to the Earl of Hillsborough.

1768, August 17. New York.—Intelligence received from Captain Forbes, concerning the opposition shown by the inhabitants of the Illinois on his endeavouring to form them into regular companies of militia.

Extract. 2⅛ *pages.* [The autograph signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 124, fol. 291.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Gen^l Gage to the Earl of Hillsborough, dated New York, Aug^st 17th 1768.

Enclosure:—

Captain Forbes to [Major-General Thomas Gage].

1768, *April* 15. *Fort Chartres.—Reasons for the expense of this country to the Crown. In consequence he has issued a placard forbidding the inhabitants to send any peltry down the river before acquainting him with the quantity, and at the same time giving a bond of* 200*l. that they should land it in a British port.*

Extracts. 1⅛ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Extracts of a letter from Capt. Forbes (of the 34*th Reg^t), commanding at the Illinois dated Fort Chartres,* 15 *April* 1768. *In Major-General Gage's of* 17 *August* 1768.

J. Williams to the Commissioners of Customs, Boston.

1768, September 11. Boston.

Letter signed. 4 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Letter to the Board giving an Acco^t of insults, dated 11th Sept^r 1768. Ex.

Also endorsed:—Mr. Williams to the Commissioners of Customs at *Boston,* giving account of insults rec^d in 1768.

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The Earl of Hillsborough to Governor Francis Bernard.

1768, September 14. Whitehall.—Is commanded to state the King's concern at the continuance of the seditious publications and the disorders which have so long disturbed the town of Boston.

Extract. ½ *quarto page.* [A draft of this letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 169, fol. 691.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Lord Hilsborough to Gov^r Bernard. 14 September 1768.

Thomas Cushing, Chairman, at the desire and in behalf of the Committee, to Dennis de Berdt.

1768, September 27. Boston.—Concerning the disturbances at Boston.

Letter signed. 6 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Tho^s Cushing Chairman Boston September 27. Received November 4. America Postage, 1/4, P, p. Capt Smith.

Note.—This was afterwards published in the *Postscript to the Boston News-Letter* of 13 October.

Letters to Dennis de Berdt.

1768, September 27. Boston.—From Thomas Cushing. Extract on the same subject as the foregoing, but worded differently, with three other letters to the agent, from Samuel Adams 3 October and Richard Cary 22 September and 1 October. Samuel Adams states that the troops quartered by the Governor on the town have been hitherto orderly, and the inhabitants preserve their peace and patience, but are more than ever determined to relinquish every article from Great Britain until the Acts are repealed and the troops removed.

4 *pages.*

John Spottiswoode to Mrs. Woolridge.

1768, October 4. Temple, London.—Regrets his letters have not reached her. Acquaints with what he has done with regard to her financial difficulties. The accounts she has already given of the province where they are situated are very entertaining. He would be obliged for a state of the province and the cultivation.

Letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—4th Oct^r 1768. John Spottiswoode Esq.

The Earl of Hillsborough to Major-General Thomas Gage.

1768, October 12. Whitehall.—As to attempts made "to excite in the Indians prejudices to the British interest."

Extract. 1¾ *pages.* [Draft of this letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 124, fol. 327.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Genl. Gage, dated Whitehall, Oct. 12th, 1768.

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The Marquis of Rockingham to Lord Dartmouth.

1768, December 12. Monday night, 11 o'clock, Grosvenor Square.—The American papers are being read in the House of Lords, and resolutions thereon are expected to be made on Thursday. The papers give but partial information, and the resolutions are likely to be strong. The affairs of Boston "should naturally incline a wise administration not to be precipitate, and yet possibly in these times the desire of gratifying resentment may overweigh all prudential considerations." As the debate will be important he would like Lord Dartmouth to be present.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Ld. Rockingham. 12 Decr. 1768.

Alexander Clunie to Lord Dartmouth.

1768, December 15. London.—Refers to some property in Tobago. Sends a piece of the "Traveller." Fears it will not be published before January. Lord Hillsborough approves of it, as also of his plan for discovering the western coast of North America. Will inform the Marquis of Rockingham of these matters if Lord Dartmouth thinks such a step would be advisable. Private affairs.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Clunie. 1768.

House of Lords.

Nine Resolutions, not dated, but from comparison with the Lords' Journals, believed to be about 15 December 1768. That the Votes, Resolutions, and Proceedings of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts Bay in the months of January and February last are illegal and unconstitutional. The resolution to get the other Houses of Representatives to join with them in petitions questioning the right of Parliament to impose taxes, and the letters written by them, are unwarrantable proceedings. An address to be presented to the King to thank him for communication of the papers, and to assure of the intention of Parliament to stand by and support him in his measures, and that they consider it immediately necessary to proceed in the most effectual manner for bringing the authors and instigators of the last disturbances to condign punishment.

3⅛ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Resolutions of the House of Lords concerning America.

New York General Assembly to the House of Lords.

1768, December 17. Assembly Chamber, New York.—Petition. Signed by Philip Livingston, Speaker. Complaining that their trade is languishing. That they have no trial by jury, and now above all else, by British Act of Parliament they are to lose their legislative authority, and to have duties imposed on them for the express purpose of raising the revenue.

Original. 6¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Petition to the House of Lords from the Assembly of New York. Opened to the House, 22 March 1769.

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DOCTOR ELEAZAR WHEELOCK to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1768, December 22. London.—Sends specimens of Indian merchandise, in the shape of pipes, tobacco pouch, knife case, &c. Also some berries given him by Indian boys as tokens of affection.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—Dr. Wheelock, Decr. 1768.

Note.—This letter is given in full in the "Memoirs of the Rev. Eleazar Wheelock, D.D.," by Drs. David M'Clure and Elijah Parish, published in 1811. Page 281, Appendix.

AMERICAN PETITIONS.

[1768.]—Copy of three Petitions, not dated, to the King, the Lords, and the Commons, from the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Government of the Counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex upon Delaware, and Maryland. Refer to the establishment of these Colonies by their ancestors, and of their enjoyment of the rights and privileges essential to freedom to which they consider themselves entitled. Express their concern at the passing of the Stamp Act. Their connection with the British Empire they esteem their greatest happiness and security. Set forth the necessity of observing the principles of the English Constitution, the two most important of which are self-taxation for the support of representative Government and trial by their peers. These invaluable rights and liberties are in danger of being for ever lost by the late Act of Parliament, imposing burdensome duties and taxes on the Colonies, and their payment will very soon become impracticable for want of specie. Beseech the King, Lords, and Commons to take their petitions into serious consideration, and pursue such measures as may restore the rights and liberties of the Colonies.

The names of the delegates signing the petitions are James Otis and Oliver Partridge for Massachusetts Bay; Medcalf Bowler and Henry Waret for Rhode Island; Kendrick Fisher and Joseph Burden for New Jersey; John Dickinson, John Morton, and George Bryan for Pennsylvania; Cæsar Rodney and Thomas McKean for Government of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex on Delaware; William Murdock, Edward Tilghman, and Thomas Ringold for Maryland; Eliphalet Dyar, David Rowland, and William Samuel Johnson for Connecticut.

Copy. 12 *pages.*

JOHN GORDON, late of South Carolina, merchant, to the KING in Council.

N. D. [? 1768].—Memorial. Showing how he purchased lands from the Spaniards in East Florida, but that Governor Grant disallowed his claim. Proceedings taken by him in consequence, and his coming to London to have his claim examined and established, or if His Majesty wishes to purchase the lands an adequate compensation may be given him. Jesse Fish and others are connected.

Copy. 2½ *folio pages.* [The original memorial is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, East Florida, Vol. 6, fol. 223, annexed to an Order in Council of 5 April 1773.]

Endorsed:—No. 3. Mr. Gordon's Memorial, respecting lands. *And in another hand:* Copy of Mr. Gordon's Memorial to His Majesty in Council.

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*misprint. See Introduction p. xvii.
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MAJOR-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1769, January 5. New York.—Concerning the Indians.
Extract. ⅔ *page.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Lieut.-Genl. Gage to the Earl of Hillsborough. New York, 5th Janry. 1769.

MAJOR-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1769, January 6. New York.—Captain Forbes and his proceedings with the inhabitants of Illinois.
Extract. 2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Lieutenant-General Gage to the Earl of Hillsborough. New York, 6th Janry. 1769.

Enclosures:—

Paper endorsed: Information of the state of Commerce in the Illinois Country, given by Captain Forbes of His Majesty's 34th Regiment. (Copy.) In General Gage's of 6th January 1769.
Copy. 1⅞ *folio pages.*

List of French or Spanish Forts or Posts, and Settlements on the Mississippi, from the Missouri to the Sea, with the number of Troops and Inhabitants at each.
Copy. 1⅔ *pages.*

State of the Settlements at St. Vincent's on the Ouabache.
Copy. ¼ *folio page.*

State of the Settlements in the Illinois Country at Kaskaskias, in 1767.
Copy. ½ *page.*

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Wilkins, 18*th Regiment, to Major-General Thomas Gage, dated Fort Chartres,* 13*th September* 1768. *Will use every means to prevent the specie being sent out of the country. Is told that a fort is built on the south side of the Missouri at its junction with the Mississippi, by positive directions of Don Ulloa. Necessity of a garrison at Post St. Vincent, and elsewhere. An immense trade is said to be annually carried on by the French to this place. A priest is much wanted here. Collusion between the merchants on this and the other side, to the detriment of British interest. Petty French disputes, &c.*
4½ *pages.*

[*Duplicates of these enclosures are in the Public Record Office, accompanying General Gage's original letters.*]

MAJOR-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1769, February 3. New York.—Has received despatches lately from Fort Chartres to the 1st November containing very alarming accounts.
Extract. 3⅔ *pages.* [The autograph letter signed is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 125, fol. 143.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Lieut.-General Gage to the Earl of Hillsborough, New York, 3rd Febry. 1769.

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Massachusetts Bay.

1769, February 8.—Parliament. Resolutions on the subject of the late proceedings in Massachusetts Bay.

Copy. 4 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of Resolutions of Parliament, 8 Feby. 1769.

1769, February 9.—Both Houses of Parliament. Address to the King. Promise to effectually stand by and support the King in bringing to justice the authors and instigators of the late disorders in Massachusetts Bay.

Copy. 2¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of Address of both Houses of Parliament to the King, 9th Feby. 1769.

Alexander Clunie to Lord Dartmouth.

1769, April 13. Mark Lane, Thursday morning.—With two specimen title pages dated 18 April 1769, and preface to accompanying letters which he proposes to publish.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Clunie, American.

With this is a series of sixteen letters to be published under either of the following titles:—"The American Traveller, or the present state, culture and commerce of the British American Colonies and the further improvement of which they are capable," or "Dedication to the Sovereign of the British Empire and Father of his People, &c., humbly subscribed by His Majesty's most faithfull subject—the American Traveller." The subjects are:—I. His reasons for writing on the present state of the British Colonies; II. His object in writing; III. Account of Hudson's Bay; IV. Further information as to Hudson's Bay; V. State of its trade; VI. How to extend the Colony; VII. Relative to Labrador; VIII. To Newfoundland and refers to the fisheries; IX. The advantages which must arise to Great Britain from the newly acquired dominion of Canada; X. Nova Scotia; XI. St. John's and Cape Breton; XII. Trade of New England; refers to the disputes; XIII. Relates to Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire; XIV. New York, its trade and the improvements of which the Colony is capable; XV. Refers to Pennsylvania; XVI. Trade of Maryland and Virginia.

Enclosure:—

1766, *August* 14.—*Purport of a letter written on the* 14 *August* 1766 *by Alexander Clunie to Lord Dartmouth. Sets forth a scheme for an expedition to the back parts of North America, with a view to opening up the trade. His age prevents his "undertaking to execute" it, but recommends a person fully qualified for so doing.*

Letter signed. 3½ *folio pages.*

Cabinet Minutes.

[1769], Wednesday, May 31.—At a meeting at the Earl of Hillsborough's in Hanover Square. "Present, Lord Granby, [&c.] Several representations respecting the State of Defence of Newfoundland, Nova

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Scotia. the Ceded Islands, the Leeward Islands, and the Bahama Islands were read and considered." Defective and ruinous state of the fortifications at St. John's and Placentia. The importance of St. John's is fully stated by Captain Debbieg, an engineer, who was sent out in 1765 and 1766 to survey the harbours in Newfoundland. Advisability of dismantling the fortifications at Placentia, and removing the stones to St. John.

1¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Minutes at a meeting.

THOMAS WOOLDRIDGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1769, June 25. St. Augustine.—Complains of the conduct of Governor Grant and others with respect to lands. Desires his Lordship will endeavour to prevent Governor Grant removing him from his office, which he has attempted to do on account of a quarrel with Colonel Taylor. Details of his distresses.

Autograph letter signed. 5 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—No. 1. Mr. Wooldridge. 25 June 1769.

INDIAN SPEECH to COMMISSARY ROBERTS.

1769, July 15/16. Arbre Croche.—Made when the Ottawas gave the calumet and wampum. With a list of Indian trinkets on a separate quarto page. French, with remarks in English.

7 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—An Indian Speech made to Commissary Roberts, when the Ottawas gave the Calumet and Wampum.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1769, November 1. St. Augustine, East Florida.—On the subject of the enclosure which is the result of his philosophical researches in Europe and America since 1743.

Autograph letter signed. 2 pages.

Enclosure:—

1763, *October* 1. *Savannah.—William Gerard de Brahm. A treaties on natural philosophy dedicated to the King.*
Original. 1 skin parchment.

The MARQUIS OF ROCKINGHAM to LORD DARTMOUTH at Sandwell Hall, Staffordshire.

1769, November 8. Wentworth, Wednesday.—His indisposition. Intends to be in London about a fortnight previous to the meeting of Parliament. Importance of the friends of weight being in town about that time, to consider very fully what is to be done. Remarks on a proposed plan for appeasing America. Speaks of Ireland in contradistinction to North America. Would have some doubt on the practicability of carrying into execution a plan of a general Parliament for all North America. Further observations on a separate Parliament for America.

Autograph letter signed. 12 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Marq. of Rockingham. 8 Novr 1769. Ex.

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With this is placed a page in Lord Dartmouth's hand marked "Extr[t] of my Lett[r], 20 Nov[r] 1769," stating that he has no objection to a certain petition in particular but to the measure itself, which he fears will increase rather than compose the distractions. Was sorry to hear that those whom he believes to be the true friends to this country and its constitution had been persuaded to concur in and adopt it.

A. DRUMMOND to . . . (possibly MR. POWNALL).

1769, November 18. Hackwood.—Concerning the proposal to settle some free ports in the West Indies for the sale of the produce of North America. Considers such a trade would be advantageous to Great Britain and necessary to recover what has been lately lost in seizing vessels carrying on this trade whether by British, French, or Spanish merchants. States his reasons in full for proposing such a plan, and answers all objections he thinks might be raised against it.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A. Drummond Esq.

GOVERNOR SIR FRANCIS BERNARD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D [1769]. Salisbury Street, No. 2, Friday morning. [N.B.—Bernard left America for England in August 1769].—Will gladly fulfil any further commands. Is going to Aylesbury to-morrow morning.

Autograph, third person. ½ *quarto page.*

Enclosures:—

Gentlemen proposed for the Council of Massachusetts Bay, with observations why they are now postponed.

A list of gentlemen proposed for the Council of Massachusetts Bay.

Duplicate of the foregoing enclosures and two other lists of proposed Councillors, no dates.

MINUTES in LORD DARTMOUTH'S hand.

N. D. [? 1769].—On the currency, trade, taxation and legislation of the Colonies.

6½ *quarto pages.*

N. D. [? 1769].—Further Minutes, on American papers. Quotes part of a letter from Governor B[ernar]d to Lord Hillsborough of 16 July 1768.

2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Extracts, Amer. Pap.

The KING'S SPEECH.

1770, January 9.—Extract of His Majesty's speech to both Houses of Parliament. "It is needless for Me to recommend to the serious attention of My Parliament the State of My Government in America."

½ *folio page.*

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The Marquis of Rockingham to Lord Dartmouth.

[1770, February 4.] Sunday afternoon, Grosvenor Square.—Desiring an interview respecting a protest necessary to be made in the House of Lords on American affairs.

Not autograph, third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

The Marquis of Rockingham to Lord Dartmouth.

1770, *February* 5, *Sunday* [*should be* 4] 3 *o'clock p.m. Grosvenor Square.—Invitation to all the Lords with him in the division to meet and examine these protests. Thinks he will then see the necessity of being firm.*

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Marq. of Rockingham, 5 *Feby.* 70.

Lord Garlies to Lord Dartmouth.

[1770], March 9. Charles Street.—Transmitting the enclosed.

Original. Card 3 × 4½ *inches.*

Enclosures:—

1766, *February* 5, *April* 11, *and* 1767, *February* 14. *London.—The Commissioner of Customs in London to Charles Stewart, Surveyor-General of Customs in the eastern middle district of America. Commendation for services rendered.*

Extracts. 1 *folio page.*

1770, *February* 20. *London.—Memorandum concerning the appointment of Charles Stewart as Surveyor-General of Customs in America.*

Copy. ½ *folio page.*

1762, *November* 21.—*Narrative of a riot in Virginia between the Spaniards and English, showing the protection given to Don Pedro Bermudez, second in command of the sea service at the Havana, and his family by Charles Stewart during that time.*

Copy. 2⅞ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 8. *A Narrative of a Riot in Virginia in November* 1762.

Doctor Eleazar Wheelock to Lord Dartmouth.

1770, March 12. Lebanon.—"My noble Lord, Your Lordships condesending Letter of of April 10th 1769 not only advising me of Dangers, but calculated with Design to incourage & Strengthen me amidst them with the Assurances of your Lordship's Favor and Friendship, was very refreshing to me; for which I can make no Suitable Return to your Lordship other than my wishes, & Prayers to the God of all Grace that you might be more & more built up to the Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Christ.

I can give your Lordship no other Grounds or Reasons for those disadvantageous Representations made of me to his Majesty's Servants,

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than that which I have already assigned viz. the imprudent, & unadvised Conduct of a Missionary sent to supply Mr Kirtlands place while he rode for his Health. I have wrote Sir William Johnson upon the Head but he returns me no answer. The Honll Hugh Wallace Esqr one of his Majesty's Council in New York writes me that he has discoursed Sir William upon the Subject, & that he professes himself fully satisfied of my intire Innocence in that affair, but Resented the Publication of something in the Narrative given of my School, without his leave, which he wrote designing it only for private use &c.

I suppose your Lordship, has been well informed that he is made a Member of the Society in England propagating the Gospel in foreign parts, and that the Society have imployed him to build a Chh & erect a School among the Mohocks, upon the same plan with mine, but Mr Wallace informs me that his notions of christianizing Indians are intirely different from mine &c. Yet I apprehend there is no great to be feared from that quarter provided they can be supplyed with Missionaries and School Masters of the right sort. I wish my Hond Patrons or some other Friends in England could be Instrumental to furnish them with Such, or that I could find pious Youths of the established Chh to educate in this School for that Purpose.

Your Lordship is doubtless Sensible of the Danger and Difficulty (if not impracticability) of proceeding in the Affair of this School, according to the largeness of the Plan which God in his Providence has evidently pointed out without a legal Incorporation to Secure the whole against Reproach, and the Interests of it against the many Plotts and Devices of bad men, & especially in bad Times.

In the enclosed Copy of Incorporation, your Lordship will see some success of my feeble Endeavours in that important affair by the Blessing of Heaven.

Governor Wentworth thought best to reject that Clause in my Draught of the Charter which gave the Honourable Trust in England equal Power with the Trustees here, to nominate and appoint the President from Time to Time apprehending it would make the Body too unwieldy but he cheirfully consented I should express my Gratitude and Duty to Your Lordship by Christianing it after your name; and as there seemd to be Danger of many embarassments in my way in the present ruffled & distemper'd state of the Kingdom, I tho't prudent to embrace the first Opportunity to accomplish it, and by that means could have no time to know your Lordship's Pleasure in that Matter before it should be accomplished, which I hope you will accept as excuse for that Neglect, and esteem it to be as it is designd, an Expression of my Duty and Respect to your Lordship, and a small acknowledgment of the many & great obligations which your Condesention and Goodness have laid me and my School under to you, but if I have erred as to the matter or manner of it, you will be so good as to impute it wholly to my Head and not to my Heart.

I send it enclosed to you that you might have the first view of it, and, if I have misnamed it you will please to advise me what your Lordship's pleasure is, and I will endeavour to execute it. But I hope Sir, I shall be happy as to find it ageable to you, as there is no name which would be so universally agreable, not only to the School, and all in connection with it, but to our whole country, and I hope in God who has so Surprizingly owned it hitherto, to make it a Channel for many & great Blessings to his Chh, and that your Lordship's Name, & Memory may be perpetuated by it without Dishonor to the latest Posterity.

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It appears to me that the Wisdom, Faithfullness and Lovingkindness of God are so manifest in every Step by which this great Affair has come to this Ripeness, that none can fix their Thoughts, upon the Subject and review the course God has Steerd, and the Steps by which he has brought it hitherto, and not find themselves constrained to acknowledge his Hand and give all the Glory to him alone. God has led the way from Step to Step; I have had nothing to do but in the Capacity of a Servant to follow where he has pointed out the way for me. And, blessed be his Name, there has been no such wrong Step taken as to give the Enemy opportunity of just Occasion to reproach it. In how short a Time has God raised it from Nothing, and made it thus respectible, and opened the Hearts of so many to such Liberalities as that there is a fair Prospect y^{t} a very large number of pious English youth (which I wait upon God to furnish it with) as well as Indians may be supported and educated upon Charity.

If this had been effected by human Policy it would doubtless be admired, and the Instrument of it justly applauded as a great Politician, but it is God who has done it, and he has chosen an Instrument on Purpose that he might have opportunity and occasion to Shew the Excellency of his Own Perfections in the clearest Light, and Secure the Glory forever to his own great Name.

If your Lordship and the rest of my Hon^{d} Patrons shall be pleased with what I have done, I shall greatly rejoyce at it, and we will here Set up our *Ebenezer* together.

My dear & Hon^{d} Sir, that God may long lengthen out your Important Life, and honor it more & more with eminent Usefulness to the Interests of the Redeemers Kingdom, is the earnest Prayer, of your Lordships much obliged and most obedient Humble Servant, ELEAZAR WHEELOCK."

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Dr. Wheelock, 1770.

JAMES BOWDOIN, SAMUEL PEMBERTON and JOSEPH WARREN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1770, March 23. Boston, New England.—Relative to the massacre in Boston on the 5th March, and the necessity of the troops being removed to Castle Island. The town and province desire that the troops be removed from the province and for this purpose they solicit his Lordship's interposition and influence.

Letter signed. 2¾ *folio pages. With seal.*

Endorsed:—Town of Boston, N. E^{d} March 23, 1770.

Enclosure:—

1770, *March 22. Faneuil Hall, Boston. Vote of a meeting of freeholders and other inhabitants. Signed, William Cooper, Town Clerk. That they transmit to Lord Dartmouth a copy of proceedings relative to the massacre by the troops in Boston on the 5th March.*

Original. 1 *quarto page.*

1770, March 23, Boston.—Duplicate original of the foregoing letter and enclosure.

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The Marquis of Rockingham to Lord Dartmouth.

1770, April 9. Grosvenor Square, Monday evening.—Remarks on Grenville's Bill and the American Bill. Necessity of doing something with regard to the latter. Suggests the repeal of the tea duty.
Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Marquis of Rockingham, 9 April 1770.

East Florida.

List of Grantees. The dates of the grants run from 23 May 1764 to 6 June 1770, and the total number of acres granted amounts to 2,757,000.
Copy. 7 *folio pages.*
Endorsed:—List of Grantees in East Florida.

Massachusetts Bay.

1770, June 21.—State of the disorders, confusion and misgovernment which have lately prevailed and do still continue to prevail in Massachusetts Bay.
Copy. 50 *folio pages.* [Duplicates of this are in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 565, fol 50, and Vol. 171, fol. 333.]

1770, July 6. St. James's.—Order in Council with reference to the same disturbances.
Copy. 5¼ *folio pages.* [The original sealed Order is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 108, fol. 237, and a copy in Vol. 81, p. 459, Board of Trade, Massachusetts Bay.]
Endorsed:—Copy of Order in Council, 6th July 1770.

John Williams, Inspector-General of the Customs in America.

1770, August 17. Boston.—Extract from the Report on a Survey and Inspection of the several Ports in Virginia and Maryland relative to the Frauds in the Exportation of Tobacco. To the Commissioners of Customs at Boston. Signed, J. W.
2 *pages.*

[About August 1770.]—Schedule and notes of several papers variously dated, relating to American affairs.
1½ *pages.*

Governor Peter Chester to the Earl of Hillsborough.

1770, September 26. Pensacola.—Relative to settlements on the Mississippi.
Extract. 8½ *folio pages.*
Endorsed:—No. 1. Extract of a Letter from Govr Chester to the Earl of Hillsborough, dated Pensacola, 26th Septr 1770.

In a wrapper labelled: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Copies of Five Letters (with Enclosures) from Governor Chester to the Earl of

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Hillsborough, in 1770 and 1771, relative to Settlements on the Mississippi. [For the four other letters, *see* 20 and 23 June, and 28 September 1771.]

Enclosures:—

JOHN MCINTIRE to GOVERNOR PETER CHESTER.

1770, *July* 19. *Fort Natchez.—"I make bold to let your Excellency know that we are to the number of* 80 *Souls arrived from Fort Pitt in design to settle at Fort Natchez." The assistance they require.*

Copy. 1¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Mr. John McIntire to Governor Chester. Dated Fort Natchez, 19*th July* 1770.

1770, *August* 25.—*Daniel Huay. Deposition before Governor Peter Chester.*

Copy. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of the Deposition of Daniel Huay, relative to a party of Settlers from Pensylvania setling down at the Natchez, the Nature of the Soil there, and his Expectation of many more emigrating thither from the Northern Colonies.

The MARQUIS OF ROCKINGHAM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1770, November 12, Monday, 3 o'clock, p.m., Grosvenor Square.—Desiring his presence that evening to meet the other Lords.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Marq. of Rockingham, 12 Nov^{r} 1770.

VIRGINIA.

1770, November 23. Whitehall.—Board of Trade, Representation to the King. On two Acts passed in Virginia in December 1769, one for laying an additional duty upon slaves imported into Virginia, the other for the better support of the contingent charges of the Government in Virginia.

Copy. 4½ *folio pages.* [Draft of this is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, Virginia, Vol. 45A, fol. 401.]

Endorsed:—No. 2. Copy of a representation of the Board of Trade to the King, dated Nov^{r} 23, 1770, on two Acts passed in Virginia in Dec^{r} 1769.

INDIAN TRADERS to the KING.

N. D. [? about 1770.]—George Croghan, William Trent, and other Indian traders, 13 of whose names are given. Memorial. Respecting their trade with the Indians on the Ohio. Attack made upon them by the French King's forces and the Indians in alliance with them, whereby they were despoiled of all their property. Expected to have had satisfaction for their losses out of the money arising from the sale of the French prizes taken before the declaration

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of last war, but not receiving any, desire some other recompense may be made them.

Manuscript. 1⅔ *pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 33. The Memorial of George Croghan and others to the King.

Massachusetts Bay.

1770.—William Knox. Thoughts upon the Reform of the Constitution of the Massachusetts Bay.

19½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Massachusetts Bay, 1770.

Note.—William Knox was Under Secretary of State in the Colonial Department from 1772 to 1782.

David Martin to Lord Dartmouth.

N. D. [? about 1770]. At Mr. Williams's, at the "Feathers," St. Martins' Street, Leicester Fields.—Memorial. Is qualified as a missionary. When Major Rogers was appointed to a Government in North America, was informed a missionary would be wanted there, and applied to him, but is afraid the Major's sudden departure for America prevented his applying to the Board of Trade as he promised. Desires to become a missionary in America, or any other place which may be thought proper.

Manuscript. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Martin's Memorial.

Settlement of Lands.

N. D. [1770].—"Propositions for the Establishment of a Colony and Government upon the lands west of the Alligany Mountains, ceded to the Crown by the Indians at the Congress at Fort Stanwix in 1769, to be called Pittsylvania."

26½ *pages.*

N. D. [1770].—Considerations on the foregoing propositions.

Manuscript. 3½ *pages.*

Manufacture of Tar.

N. D. [? 1770].—Mr. Webster's observations on tar, and the advisability of encouraging the Americans to make it in furnaces in the same manner as is done in Sweden.

Manuscript. ¾ *large folio page.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Webster's Observations, Naval Stores.

Non-importation Associations.

N. D. [about 1770].—Pamphlet entitled: Copies and Extracts of Papers relative to the Associations in the British Colonies against importing goods and merchandise from Great Britain. Containing,—

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Massachusetts Bay.
Copies of letters from Bernard, 9 August 1768 and 8 May 1769.
Copy of a letter from Hutchinson, 20 October 1769.
Extracts of letters from Hutchinson, 8 August—17 November 1769.
Extracts from Boston and Massachusetts Gazettes, 22 August and 12 September 1768, and 24 April—20 November 1769, giving proceedings of merchants on non-importation and their two agreements of 1 August 1768 and 17 October 1769.
Information of Mr. Mein, a bookseller at Boston, lately arrived from there, taken by Mr. Pownall.
Extract from a pamphlet published by order of the town of Boston.

Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania. "There is no Account from the Governors and Companies of the Colonies of Rhode Island and Connecticut, or from the Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania, of any Associations against Importation; but the following appear in the 'Boston Gazette' and other Public Prints." Extracts from several Boston and South Carolina Gazettes in 1769, showing the feelings of the merchants of Rhode Island, Connecticut, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania on non-importation.

New York. Sir Henry Moore has taken no notice, in his correspondence with the Secretary of State, of any Associations against importing British goods into the province of New York; but the following publications appear in the newspapers of that and other provinces. Extracts from "Boston Gazette" and "New York Journal." Votes of Assembly. Proceedings of merchants. Letters from New York in 1768 and 1769, with extract of a letter from Gage of 4 December 1769.

Virginia. Association, signed on 18 May 1769.

North Carolina. Extract from "North Carolina Gazette," giving association, signed 7 November 1769.

Maryland. Copy of a letter from Eden, 23 June, with association, signed 22 June 1769.

South Carolina. Copy of a letter from Gov. Montagu, 30 June, with agreement, 28 June, and association, 17 August. Extract of letters from Bull, 28 August and 25 September 1769, and extract from "Massachusetts Gazette," 17 August 1769.

Georgia. Extract of letters from Wright, 20 September 1769. Meeting of merchants, 16 September, and resolves of inhabitants on 19th.

70½ *quarto pages.*

The Earl of G[uilford] to Lord Dartmouth.

1771, January 18.—Is grieved to find he appeared wanting in duty and regard to the King, love to his country, friendship to Lord North, and affection to himself. Is too much hurt to talk upon the subject.
Autograph letter signed "G."

Endorsed on a wrapper which covers also the two following:—1771. Earl of Guilford.

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The Earl of Guilford to Lord Dartmouth.

[1771], January 20.—With autograph draft of reply on the reverse page. Inquiries after Lady Dartmouth's health. Hopes to see them both on Tuesday.

Reply. Having taken a step contrary to Lord Rockingham's opinion, Lord Dartmouth fears he will not be in spirits to appear in a company where everyone will feel so differently from himself.

Autograph letter signed "G."

The Earl of Guilford to Lord Dartmouth.

[1771, 20 and 21 January.] Sunday night and Monday morning.—Will be much disappointed if both he and Lady Dartmouth do not come on Tuesday. Has felt keenly the difference in opinion expressed by him, but hopes his warmth will be rightly understood and the subject dismissed.

Autograph letter signed "G."

Mr. Peter Livius to the Earl of Hillsborough.

1771, March 21. Portsmouth, New Hampshire.—Relative to the Governor appropriating lands granted to his predecessor. The whole of the Council (himself excepted) agreed to this proceeding. Gives in the enclosed paper his reasons for dissenting from them.

Copy. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Livius to Lord Hillsborough, 21st March 1771. Complaint against the Gov^{r} of New Hants.

Enclosures:—

1771, *March* 19. *In Council, New Hampshire.—Peter Livius's reasons for dissenting from the New Hampshire Council on their consent that the present Governor should have these lands. With list of the Council.*

Copy. 2 *folio pages.*

Mr. Peter Livius's memorial to the Board of Trade. Complains of the injustice of Governor Wentworth in several instances given in detail.

Copy. 2⅔ *folio pages.*

Samuel Lloyd to Lord Dartmouth.

1771, April 6. No. 7, Winchester Street.—Remarks on the work of the Reverend Matthew Graves as a faithful missionary for twenty years past.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Sa. Lloyd Esq., 6 April 1771.

Enclosure:—

Reverend Matthew Graves to [Samuel Lloyd].

N. London, 8th 5th [5th 8^{br} *Oct.*] 1770. *Death of Whitfield at Newbury on the 30th of last month. Laments the heresy of some of his brethren. Doctor Wheelock has had 3,000 acres of land granted to him, on which he is building an academy for whites and blacks.*

Copy. 1 *quarto page.*

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GOVERNOR THOMAS HUTCHINSON to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1771, April 19. Boston.—Transmitting a printed paper called 'an Oration, with a vote of the inhabitants of the town of Boston. Pernicious influence of such publications. Conduct of the Council.

Copy. 1½ *folio pages.* [The autograph signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 172, fol. 277, and a duplicate in Vol. 81, fol. 293, Board of Trade, Massachusetts Bay.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a letter from Governor Hutchinson to the Earl of Hillsborough dated Boston 19th April 1771. R/ 31st May.

ARTHUR GORDON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1771, May 10. London.—His gratitude for Lord Dartmouth's recommendation by which he has obtained the office he desired, and in which he hopes to meet his approval.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Arth. Gordon Esq., Att. Gen. of East Florida. May 1771. Ex.

Enclosure:—

Estimate of the expense of surveying and passing into a grant an order from His Majesty for 20,000 *acres of land in East Florida.*

Copy. 1 *quarto page.*

EAST FLORIDA.

N.D. A true copy taken from the original 14 May 1771.—Inhabitants of St. Augustine. Address to President John Moultrie. They congratulate him on the honour of presiding over the administration of the province. Wretched condition of the country in general. Advise convening the people by their representatives for the purposes of legislation. Want of laws.

1 *page.*

GOVERNOR PETER CHESTER to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1771, June 20. Pensacola.—With reference to proposals contained in his letter of 26 September 1770, to afford protection to the settlers on the Mississippi.

Extract. 1½ *folio pages.* [The signed letter, numbered 21, is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 258, fol. 233, and a duplicate is in Vol. 5, fol. 209, Board of Trade, West Florida.]

Endorsed:—No. 2. Extract of a letter from Gov^{r} Chester to the Earl of Hillsborough dated Pensacola, 20th June 1771.

GOVERNOR PETER CHESTER to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1771, June 23. Pensacola.—On the same subject of settlements near the Mississippi. Arrival of Lieutenant-Governor Durnford from there.

Copy. 3⅓ *folio pages.* [The signed letter, numbered 24, and duplicate are in the same volumes as the preceding, on fols. 291 and 229 respectively.]

Endorsed:—No. 3. Copy of a letter from Governor Chester to the Earl of Hillsborough dated Pensacola in West Florida, 23rd June 1771.

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Lieutenant-Governor Elias Durnford to Governor Peter Chester.

1771, June 23. Pensacola.—According to desire, offers his sentiments on the state of the country near the Ibberville and Mississippi and the proper method of settling it. Complaints made to him by the Spanish commandants.

Copy. 3¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 4. Copy of a letter from Lieut. Gov^{r} Durnford to Gov^{r} Chester, dated Pensacola, 23rd June 1771. [This is No. 4 in a wrapper covering several other papers, *see* List on Chester to Hillsborough, 26 September 1770.]

Georgia.

Estimate of the Civil Establishment and other incidental expenses attending the same from 24 June 1770 to 24 June 1771.

Copy. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Estimate of the Civil Establishment of His Majesty's Colony of Georgia, and other incidental expenses attending the same from the 24th June 1770 to 24th June 1771.

The Earl of Hillsborough to William Gerard de Brahm.

1771, July 3. Whitehall.—Requesting him to come to England to answer the complaints preferred against him in the offices of Surveyor-General of the southern district of America and Surveyor of lands in East Florida. Mr. Mulcaster to take his place as Provincial Surveyor of East Florida.

Copy. ¾ *folio page.* [Draft of this is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 275, fol. 491.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Mr. De Brahm, Surveyor-General of Southern District of N^{o} America dated July 3rd 1771.

[Lord Dartmouth] to the Bishop of London.

1771, July 5.—Relative to a letter and papers from Governor Wentworth on Doctor Wheelock's schools, and desiring the Bishop to become a trustee.

Autograph Copy. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Letter to the Bp. of London 5 July 1771.

The Bishop of London to [Lord Dartmouth].

1771, July 9. Fulham.—Signed Ric. London. Could not think of accepting a trust for the erection and endowment of a College, the charter of which has not been communicated to him; nor has the least intimation been given that provision is made in the charter for the head of the College to be of the Church of England, or that the prayers to be used are those of the Liturgy. Finds also by reference to the list that the other trustees are Dissenters, and thus he cannot see of what

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use a Bishop of London would be under the circumstances; begs therefore to decline the honour the trustees have done him.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—July 1771 Bp of London.

INHABITANTS of DETROIT to GOVERNOR GUY CARLETON.

1771, Aoust 2. Du Detroit.—Petition signed by Jacques Campan and three others. Desire that he will aid them in recovering the Isle au Cochon.

Signed. 2¾ *pages. In French.*

Endorsed:—Petition of the Inhabitants of Detroit, 2d Aug^{t} 1771.

GOVERNOR PETER CHESTER to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1771, September 28. Pensacola.—Transmits five maps of the lands near Fort Bute, the rivers Mississippi, Ibberville, Amit, and Comit. Remarks on these places. Encloses estimate. Desirability of a settlement on the Mississippi and objections thereto. Sends three maps of parts of this province, showing grants of lands. [Maps not now with the letter.]

Copy. 12½ *folio pages.* [The signed letter and duplicate are in the Public Record Office, same volumes as previous letters of 20 and 23 June, fols. 499 and 309 respectively].

Endorsed:—No. 5. Copy of a letter from Gov^{r} Chester to the Earl of Hillsborough, dated Pensacola, 28th Sept^{r} 1771.

For the wrapper covering this and other papers, *see* Chester's letter of 26 September 1770.

Enclosure:—

Elias Durnford's estimate of the expence which will attend making the proposed cut from the river Mississippi to the river Ibberville, and for putting up four redoubts at Manchac.

Copy. 2¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Estimate of making a cut from the Mississippi to the Ibberville and of the other works proposed at Manchac near the said cut or canal.

MR. [W.] BOLLAN to the MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL.

1771, October 18.—Concerning certain lands granted in the eastern parts of the province. Suggests how this territory might be put under more certain and better regulation.

Extract. 3¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Mr. Bollan to the Council of the Massachusets Province, dated Oct^{r} 18th 1771.

THOMAS WOOLDRIDGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1771, November 18. New York.—Complains of Governor Grant's behaviour towards him and non-payment of salary.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 2. M^{r} Wooldridge, 18 Nov^{r} 1771.

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Cabinet Minute.

1771, November 28.—Held at Lord Rochford's. Directions to be sent to different Governors and to the Admiralty.
In John Pownall's hand. 1½ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Minute of Cabinet. 28th Nov[r] 1771.

John Williams to Lord North.

1771, November.—With regulations for the security and improvement of the duties on tobacco. The arrangements upon which certain merchants will undertake this trade.
Letter signed. 2 *folio pages.*

Cabinet Minute.

1771, December 1.—At Lord Suffolk's. That General Gage be instructed to abandon Fort Chartres at such time as his prudence shall suggest; also to send, for their consideration, his thoughts for a permanent establishment in the Illinois, and to abandon Pittsburgh unless the contrary be absolutely necessary.
1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Minute of Cabinet. 1st Dec[r] 1771.

Earl of Hillsborough to Lieutenant-General Thomas Gage.

1771, December 4. Whitehall.—Extract. The advisability of the abandonment of Fort Chartres; necessary orders to be given for that purpose, and for a reduction of all establishments incident to that post. Refers to his letter, No. 63, upon the plan for forming an establishment at Kaskaskies. Opinion upon the removal of the inhabitants.
3¾ *pages.* [Draft of the entire letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 127, fol. 359.]

[Lord Dartmouth] to Governor James Grant.

N. D. [? 1771].—Recommends Mr. W[ooldridge] to his consideration, and hopes in the future they will live on friendly terms.
Autograph draft. 1½ *quarto pages.*

East Florida.

1768–1771.—An account of the several articles (the actual produce of the Colony) exported from East Florida for four years.
Copy. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Exports of East Florida in 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771.

Mr. Kelly to Lord Dartmouth.

[1772], January 31, Friday. John Street, Crutched Friars.—Mr. Wooldridge wishes to know if his salary is in the estimate for the present year, which Mr. Pownall says is made.
In the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

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GEORGE MERCER to the KING.

1772, February 20. London.—Copy of a memorial, with a memorandum that the Earl of Hillsborough has the original in his possession. Requesting some reward for his services in North America during the late war. Accompanied by copy of another memorial, presented in June 1766 to the Lords of the Treasury, recounting what he had gone through on account of his employment in Virginia as distributor of stamps, and desiring repayment for the expense he was obliged to incur.

3 *pages and* 1½ *pages respectively.*

DUTCH CHURCH of NEW YORK to the KING.

1772, February 27.—Petition of the Minister, Elders, and Deacons of the reformed Protestant Dutch Church. To remit the annual quit-rent of the township of Leyden, a tract of land granted to them.

Copy. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 2. Petition of the Dutch Church at N. York to the King. 27 Feb. 1772.

JEAN DANIEL ROUX to the BOARD OF TRADE.

1772, March 4.—Petition. His intention to settle with his family and others (120 in all) in East Florida. Asks for 6,000 acres, and for the usual bounty to settlers. States the different branches of agriculture he is well acquainted with. In an additional paragraph asks for a further grant of 6,000 acres.

Signed. 1½ *folio pages. With seal.* [A signed duplicate of this, but containing an extra paragraph, is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, East Florida, Vol. 6, fol. 109.]

Endorsed:—The humble petition of John Daniel Roux.

MR. KELLY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, March 18, Wednesday morning. John Street, Crutched Fryers.—On the subject of Lord Barrington's refusal to accept the resignation of Mr. Wooldridge, who depends on Lord Dartmouth to obtain for him the King's leave of absence.

Autograph, third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—No. 3. Mr. Kelly. 18 March 1772.

MERCHANTS of LONDON to the BOARD OF TRADE.

1772, March 21. London.—Memorial of Merchants of London concerned in the trade to North America.

Copy. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—Copy. Memorial from merchants of London praying a continuence of bounty on lumber, &c., from North America. Dated London 21 March 1772. Recommended to the Secretary of State for re-consideration by his Lordship's devoted Servt., Brook Watson. London 18 Jan^{y} 1775.

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Edward Thurlow and Alexander Wedderburn to the Earl of Hillsborough.

1772, March 31.—Report. With the opinion of Robert Williams, dated 22 June, referring to the Circuit Court Act, and to the difficulties that have occurred to the Treasurers on application of the Judges for their salaries; and with Minutes of the South Carolina Council, 18 June, on the Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General Thurlow and Wedderburn being presented to them.

Copy. 3 *large pages.*

Endorsed:—(Papers Nos. 2, 3, & 4). [Note. For paper endorsed No. 1, *see* under 31 December 1772, South Carolina Report of Committee.]

Merchants of London to the Board of Trade.

1772, April 7. London.—Memorial of Merchants of London concerned in the trade to North America.

Copy. ¾ *page.*

Endorsed:—Copy. Memorial from the merchants of London praying a continuence of bounty on lumber from North America. Dated London 7th April 1772 *of which no notice taken.* Recommended to the Secretary of State for his Lordship's consideration by his Lordship's devoted humble servant, Brook Watson. London 18 Jan^{y} 1775.

Massachusetts Bay.

1772, April.—State of the Proceedings respecting the complaint of the Commissioners of Customs, as to their being taxed by the Boston Assessors.

Draft. 10⅛ *pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 6. State of the Proceedings respecting the Commissioners of the Customs complaint of being taxed by the Boston Assessors.

Thomas Wooldridge to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, May 8. St. Augustine.—Mr. De Brahm is his fellow sufferer from Mr. Grant's tyranny. Suspension of Mr. Collins, Clerk to the Crown. Dr. Turnbull has gone to England to call Mr. Grant to account for his bad behaviour. Fertility of the southern part of the province. Governor Grant may be an excellent officer, but he is a most tyrannical Governor. Method of Governor Ellis at Georgia and consequent flourishing state of the province. His desired leave of absence, private affairs requiring his presence in England. Depends on Lord Dartmouth to enable him to retain his appointment.

Autograph letter signed. 5 *quarto pages.* *With seal.*

Endorsed:—American business.

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The Earl of Hillsborough to the Lords of the Admiralty.

1772, May 21. Whitehall.—The 66th and 68th Regiments to come to Great Britain, and be relieved by two battalions of Royal Americans, to sail from any port General Gage may think proper.

Copy. 1¼ *pages.* [The signed letter is in the Public Record Office, Admiralty, Secretary of State's Letters, Vol. 44, No. 46.]

Endorsed:—(Copy.) Earl of Hillsborough to Lords of the Admiralty 21st May 1772. Royal Americans, to relieve 66th and 68th Reg^ts.

William Bollan to the Earl of Hillsborough.

1772, May 25, Southampton Street, Covent Garden.—Remarks on his previous memorial. Recounts his services in America. Desires his Lordship to take the enclosed petition into consideration. Complains of having been dismissed by the Admiralty Board, and has all along received no recompense for his services.

Copy. 2⅔ *quarto pages.* [The signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 276, fol. 283.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a letter from Mr. Bollan to the Earl of Hillsborough May 25th 1772. In Mr. Bollan's Memorial.

Enclosures:—

William Bollan, Memorial, complaint, and petition to the King.

Copy 6½ *pages.* [*Original in the same volume as the above, fol.* 287.]

Endorsed:—Memorial, complaint, and petition of Mr. Bollan, to the King in Council. (Copy.) Requesting compensation for his sufferings in office and dismission from it, and likewise stating the damage done to the mast trees in New Hampshire, reserved for the use of the Royal Navy. V. Mem., p. 13. *Entd.*

William Bollan. Addenda to his Memorial to the King.

Copy. 2⅓ *quarto pages.* [*Original in the same volume as the above, fol.* 287.]

Endorsed:—Addenda to Mr. Bollan's Memorial to His Majesty, Massachusetts Bay.

John Williams.

1772, June 4.—Regulations humbly submitted to Lord North, for the better securing the duties upon wine, fruit, oil, and other dutiable goods, in America, and likewise preventing the foreign trade.

Signed. 2⅔ *pages.*

Endorsed:—C. 23. Regulations submitted to Lord North for America to prevent smuggling.

Sir William Johnson to the Earl of Hillsborough.

1772, June 29. Johnson Hall.—Recounts a late unlucky transaction with the Indians, which may be productive of very ill consequences. A certain man of the name of Ramsay, who formerly lived amongst the

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Indians and was sent by Captain Brown to Quebec to prevent his doing further mischief amongst them, has found means to trade with the Indians at Lake Erie, at a distance from any fort or place of inspection. Had quarrelled with and killed and scalped several. The General has sent him to Canada to be tried, but interest will probably secure his acquittal. Sir William fears the resentment of the tribes, in spite of assurances of their deputies that orders have been given to prevent any act of retaliation. "The Chippawaes and Mississagaes are by far the most numerous and powerful nation with whom we have any connection in North America."

Copy. 4½ *pages.* [The autograph signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 276, fol. 787.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Sir William Johnson to the Earl of Hillsborough dated Johnson Hall 29th June 1772.

Rear Admiral John Montagu to the Earl of Hillsborough.

1772, July 11. Boston.—With reference to the seizure and burning of His Majesty's schooner "Gaspee," at Rhode Island.

Copy. 1½ *pages.* [The signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 173, fol. 327.]

Endorsed:—No. 9. Copy of a Letter from Rear Admiral Montagu to the Earl of Hillsborough dated Boston July 11th 1772.

Enclosure:—

Declaration of Aaron, a negro, with list of names of five men concerned in destroying the "Gaspee."

Copy. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Declaration of Aaron, a negro.

Massachusetts Bay House of Representatives to the King.

1772, July 14.—Petition and Remonstrance. To be allowed to support their own governor, and against the revenue Acts of Parliament.

Copy. 5¼ *pages.* [The original is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 174, fol. 291.]

Endorsed:—No. 1. Copy of the Petition and Remonstrance of the Ho. of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay July 14 1772.

Richard Stockton to Samuel Smith.

1772, July 22. Princeton.

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 1. Prince Town, 22 July 1772. Richard Stockton, Esq., to Mr. Smith, relative to the Charter of Incorporation of the Presbyterian Church.

Cabinet Minute.

1772, July 30. St. James's.—The Rhode Island business placed by Lord Hillsborough before the Cabinet. Opinion of the meeting that certain instructions should be sent by his Lordship to the Governor. Orders to be sent to Admiral Montagu on the subject. Opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor General to be taken.

Copy. 1¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—St. James's, July 30th 1772. Minute. (Copy.)

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LORD NORTH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, August 3. Bushy Park.—Remarks on the petition for a grant of land on the Ohio, in consequence of which Lord Hillsborough has seen fit to send in his resignation. Asks permission to recommend Lord Dartmouth to the King as his successor. Reasons for wishing this. Desires an interview.

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 5½ *quarto pages.*

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1772, August 5. New York.—No. 75. Transportation of troops from America to St. Vincent. Arrival of a detachment of the 64th Regiment at Castle William. Delay in getting the American battalion down from the Lakes. Regrets that sketches of the works constructed at the Havannah have not been procured. Outrage committed on 20 Indians while on their way to make some representations to the Governor at Annapolis.

Copy. 2½ *quarto pages.* [The autograph signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 128, fol. 105.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a letter from Lieut.-Gen[l] Gage to the Earl of Hillsborough, New York 5 Aug[t] 1772.

The EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH to LORD [NORTH].

1772, August 7. Hanover Square.—"Will you say to Lord Dartmouth that at my request you have engaged for him that Kilwarlin shall have this Office when it falls? and will you be so good in consequence of that Engagement, as to get Lord Dartmouth's absolute promise?" . . . if it falls in Ld Dartmouth's Administration I earnestly pray that Kil may have it; and I have been . . . a good nurse of the Office for Lord Dartmouth by not yielding to any Sollicitations for Reversions."

Letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B. 38. Lord Hillsborough. 7th August 1772. Desiring the office of Secry. of Virginia for his son.

The EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH to the Governor and Company of RHODE ISLAND.

1772, August 7. Whitehall.—Expressing His Majesty's displeasure at the tone of menace and insult assumed in Governor Wanton's letters to Lieutenant Dudingston of the 22 and 23 March last. They are to exert themselves most actively for the discovery of the offenders with regard to the burning of the "Gaspee" schooner. Instructions will be sent to Rear-Admiral Montagu. Encloses an Act for the preservation of His Majesty's dockyards. Remarks upon complaints made by Governor Wanton of the conduct of His Majesty's officers.

3½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Dr[t] to the Gov[r] & Company of Rhode Island. Whitehall, 7th Aug[t], 1772. N.B.—His Majesty having directed on the 21st August that the Papers relative to the disturbances in Rhode Island should be laid before the Privy Council, this letter, which had been sent to the Admiralty to forward, was recalled & cancelled. V. Mr. Pownall's letter to Mr. Stephens of 22nd Aug. 1772.

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JOHN POWNALL to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1772, August 8.—Expresses his gratification at the prospect of his Lordship becoming Secretary of State. Remarks on his own services and his inability to take more upon himself.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Pownall, 8 August 1772.

FREDERICK MONTAGU to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, August 10. Papplewick.—Recommends his accepting the seals of the American Department. He (Montagu) could not accept a seat at the Board of Trade without the approbation of Lord Rockingham, which could never be obtained. Offers his services otherwise than in this. Will come and see his Lordship if he desires it. Advises him to insist upon the whole patronage of his office, and particularly upon the sole appointment of the governors.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Montagu, Aug. 10, 1772.

EDWARD THURLOW and ALEXANDER WEDDERBURN to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1772, August 10. Lincoln's Inn.—Their opinion and report upon the burning of the "Gaspee" schooner in Providence river, Rhode Island.

Letter signed. 2¾ *pages.* [In the Public Record Office, series Domestic, Geo. III., Vol. 9, is a copy marked "Original mislaid."]

Endorsed:—Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General, 10th August 1772. Ent.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1772, August 12. London.—Satisfaction of America at his Lordships appointment as Secretary of State. Has finished his general map and given it with reports to Mr. Pownall. Transmits copy of a letter written by him to Lord Hillsborough. Remarks on the state of his affairs.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. de Brahm.

The KING to LORD NORTH.

1772, August 13. St. James's, five minutes past 1 p.m.—Lord Dartmouth cannot have the seals until to-morrow if the Council is not held to day.

Original. With seal (broken). ½ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—The King. 13 August 1772.

Enclosure:—

Memorandum in the King's hand, proposing that on the present vacancy of Secretary of State for the American Department, and to prevent every possibility of jarring in departments, the Admirals, Commanders and Governors should transfer their correspondence to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Southern Department.

Autograph. 1 *quarto page.*

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Oath of Secretary of State.

1772, August 14. St. James's.—Order in Council with the Oath of a Secretary of State, taken by William, Earl of Dartmouth, on this day. The Oath begins, "You shall swear to be a true and faithful servant unto the King's Majesty."

Signed and sealed. 2 *folio pages.*

Lady Edgecumbe to [Lord Dartmouth].

1772, August 16. Mount Edgecumbe.—Congratulations on his appointment. They would have been happy to be not only his Lordship's friends, but subjects, and would have been, by means of some islands in Massachusetts Bay and lands in Sagadahook, had not an unfortunate opinion lately given, pretty nearly proved they had no such right.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Lady Edgecumbe 16 August 1772. Congratulations.

Thomas Boone to [Lord Dartmouth].

1772, August 18. Nassau Street, Soho.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Boone 18th August 1772 recommending Mr. Tattnall to be Councillor in *Georgia.*

Again endorsed Thos Boone Esq., Councillor of Georgia.

. . . . . to [Lord Dartmouth].

1772, August 18. Arguments against the proposed Ohio settlement. Congratulates him on succeeding Lord Hillsborough as Secretary of State for the Plantations.

Original. 5 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—C. 35. Anonymous. Ohio Settlemts.

Cabinet Minutes.

1772, August 20. St. James's.—Marked No. 1 and No. 2. Agreed, that all the papers on the affair of the "Gaspée" schooner be laid before the King. That a commission be issued to take proceedings for the discovery of the perpetrators of the outrage committed in the attack upon that vessel, and that letters from Hillsborough to the Governor and Company of Rhode Island, to the Lords of the Admiralty, Admiral Montagu, and General Gage, upon this subject, should be recalled and cancelled.

Copy. 2¼ *folio pages. No.* 2 *is in duplicate.*

Stephen Sayre to [Lord Dartmouth].

1772, August 20, Thursday. Berners Street, No. 38.—Relative to the grant of 1,500*l.* voted to the late Mr. De Berdt, Agent of Massachusetts Bay, by that Province. Lord Hillsborough having thought fit to prevent this vote from passing, De Berdt's family is much inconvenienced thereby, as the greater part of this sum had been expended in prosecuting the public business.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

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DENNIS DE BERDT to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, August 21. London.—On his father's death he drew out an account of the salary and disbursements due from the House of Representatives in Boston to him as their Agent, and they passed a vote on 2 July 1771 to remit to his executors 1,400*l*. The Governor having received instructions to refuse this vote, the money remains unpaid. Hopes Lord Dartmouth will grant this decision to be altered, and the money paid.

Letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. De Berdt. Money voted in Massachusetts Bay.

"GASPÉE" ENQUIRY.

1772, August 21. St. James's.—Order in Council.

Copy. 2⅔ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 3. Copy of an Order in Council, 21st August 1772 Directing the Attorney and Sollicitor General to prepare the Draft of a Comn of inquiry in Rhode Island; and also Drat of a Proclamation.

Another copy follows.

THOMAS TAYLOR to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, August 21. Alnwick.—Went to America five years ago, and whilst there inspected very narrowly the provinces of New York, the Jerseys, Pensylvania, and Maryland. Remarks on the commercial relations between England and America. Relates his services in the war of 1745. Hopes he may be appointed to some office in America.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Taylor of Alnwick.

Endorsed on wrapper:—B 25. Mr. Taylor, Alnwick, Augst 21st, 1772, requesting an employment.

JOHN WILLDAY to LORD DARTMOUTH, Secretary of State for the Colonys in London.

1772, August 22. Atherstone, Warwickshire.

Letter signed. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Willday of Atherstone on American Trade. C—24.

SIR MATTHEW FETHERSTONHAUGH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, August 26. Brighthelmstone.—Recommends to his favour and protection Samuel Wharton, concerned with Mr. Walpole, himself, and others in the new grant upon the Ohio. Speaks of Wharton as thoroughly conversant in American affairs, and having a great connexion in that country. His ideas are truly British, and he is well acquainted with Indian affairs.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A 36. Sr M. Fetherstone. 26 Augst 1772. Mr. Wharton.

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"GASPÉE" ENQUIRY.

1772, August 26. St. James's.—Order in Council. The King approves of the commission of inquiry and the proclamation to be issued for apprehending the persons concerned in the burning of the "Gaspée" schooner. General Gage and Admiral Montagu to give all assistance possible in this affair.

Original, signed Stephen Cottrell, sealed. 4½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Order in Council. 26th August 1772.

Copy of the foregoing.

JOHN POWNALL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, August 26.—Sends the warrant to the Attorney and Solicitor General to prepare a commission of inquiry for his signature. Encloses with it two Orders in Council and draft of Proclamation. Will send the rest of the papers on this subject to-morrow.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Pownall. 26 August 1772.

ANDREW REA to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, August 26. Grigsby's Coffee House, Royal Exchange, London. —Relates his services in the late war. Owing to commercial failure he is now in adverse circumstances, and would be glad of some appointment.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B 24. Mr. Rea. 26th August 1772. Desiring an office. Mr. Andr Rea.

Enclosures:—

The EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH to [LORD MOUNTMORRIS].

1772, *July* 8. *Hanover Square.—Very few offices are under his patronage, and he is unable to assist Mr Rea.*
Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

A[NDREW] R[EA] to the [EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH].

1772, *July* 16.—*Asks for a recommendatory letter to any of the Governors in America to appoint him a sheriff of any of the counties under their Government, or any other employ.*
Autograph letter signed "A. R." 2 *quarto pages.*

DAVID BLISSETT to the REVEREND MR. TALBOT.

1772, August 27. Reading.—Asks that his friend Mr. Irving may succeed Mr. Ellis as King's Agent for West Florida. The latter having been ill some time, Mr. Irving has proved, by doing his work for the last eighteen months, his ability to succeed him.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—A 33. Mr. Blissett to Rev. Mr. Talbot. Mr. Irving to succeed Mr. Ellis. 27 Aug. 1772.

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JOHN POWNALL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, August 27. Whitehall.—Sends all the despatches relative to the Rhode Island business requiring his Lordship's signature, also draft of the instructions proposed to attend the Commission of Inquiry. Will send papers on other matters to-morrow. Hopes none will be of sufficient importance to bring him to town. Encloses copy of letter just received from Admiral Montagu.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Pownall. 27 August 1772.

THOMAS WILSON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, August 27. Leicester Street.—Promises diligent service in any office to which Lord Dartmouth may appoint him.

Letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Thomas Wilson. 27th August 1772. V. Cor., p. 4. Ent.

Mr. Wilson & Lord Hillsborough, Chief Justice of New York.

Enclosure:—

The EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, *August* 25. *Hanover Square.—Recommends Mr. Wilson for the Chief Justiceship of New York, with salary of* 600*l. or* 800*l. a year. Considers him the most deserving man for this post, which will soon be vacant.*

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—A 50. *Earl of Hillsborough, Hanover Square,* 25*th Augs* 1772. *Recommending Mr. Wilson. V. Cor., p.* 2. *Entd.*

EDWARD THURLOW and ALEXANDER WEDDERBURN. REPORT to the KING.

1772, August 28.—Have taken into their consideration the several papers relative to the burning of the "Gaspée" schooner, and prepared the draft of a Commission to inquire into the circumstances attending it, and a Proclamation for the said affair.

Copy. 8½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 5. Copy of the Attorney & Solicitor General's Report. 28 Aug^{t} 1772.

Extract of the foregoing without date or signatures.

JOHN POWNALL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, August 29, Saturday evening.—The "Gaspée" business is of such importance, both in itself and in the consequences it may have, that if Lord Dartmouth has any difficulty with the papers, he hopes he will come to town before the despatches leave the office, as there will if sufficient time to allow of that. The Attorney General considers this business of "five times the magnitude of the Stamp Act."

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The despatches to be sent to Hutchinson and Cramahé are of such delicacy that he will send drafts of them by another messenger to his Lordship.

Autograph letter signed. 5 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Pownall, Aug. 29, 1772.

LORD VISCOUNT GAGE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, August 30. Fife.—Desires his friend M[r] Kemble to have the office in America now held by M[r] Morgan.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed on first page:—L[d] Gage M[r] Kemble.

„ „ wrapper:—A 49. Lord Viscount Gage. August 30[th] 1772, recommending M[r] Kemble, v. Cor. p. 4 & 5. Ent[d].

The DUKE OF MANCHESTER to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, August 30. Spa.—Solicits attention to his brother Lord Montagu's memorial showing that he has served as Governor of South Carolina for several years greatly to the prejudice of his health and fortune. Suggest a removal to a less disadvantageous post and compensation for expenses if such is not an unreasonable proposal. M[r] Williamos, who is well versed in American affairs, delivers this letter.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A 57. Duke of Manchester. 30 August 1772. In behalf of his Brother. D. of Manchester. L[d] Cha. Montagu.

JOHN OSBORN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, August 30. Dresden.—Has received by the last post from England news of Lord Dartmouth's appointment as Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—J. Osborn Esq[r] (private) M[r] Osborn Dresden, 30[th] Aug[st] 1772. Congratulations on Lord Dartmouth's Appointm[t].

[LORD DARTMOUTH] to the GOVERNOR and COMPANY of RHODE ISLAND.

1772, August. Whitehall.—Transmits copy of the Attorney and Solicitor General's report upon the burning of the "Gaspée" schooner. Instructions for their proceeding in this matter. His Majesty's opinion of the case. He expects all persons within the Colony to exert themselves in order to bring the offenders to justice.

1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Dra[t] to the Gov[r] and Company of Rhode Island (N°). August 1772.

The KING to GOVERNOR JOSEPH WANTON, DANIEL HORSMANDEN, FREDERICK SMYTH, PETER OLIVER, and ROBERT AUCHMUTY.

1772, September 2. Westminster.—Commission authorizing them to inquire into and report upon the circumstances relative to the attacking, taking, plundering, and burning of the schooner "Gaspée."

Copy. 4¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 7. Copy of the Commission.

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RODOLPH VALLTRAVERS to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, September 2. Somerset Chapel, Strand.—Submits the enclosed memorial to his Lordship's judgment.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—C—22. Mr Valtravers Plan for procuring Protestants from Germany to settle in America.

Enclosure:—

MEMORIAL TO THE KING.

1772, *September 2. London.—Signed J. Rodolph de Valltravers (sic). Offers his services to procure from the Protestant parts of Poland, Germany, and Switzerland useful colonists to settle in America.*

Original. 2 *folio pages.*

NOEL HILL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, September 3. Tern.—Recommends Mr Pitman to Lord Dartmouth's favour as Lord Hillsborough promised some provision should be made for him. Refers him to Mr Pownall who is well acquainted with previous applications made on behalf of Mr Pitman.

A copy of Lord Dartmouth's reply, dated 14 September is on the reverse, stating that he has many similar applications on hand, and will attend to this when opportunity arises.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A 48. Noel Hill Esq. Tern. Sept. 3d 1772, recommending Mr Pitman, v. Cor. p. 5 & 6. Entd. Noel Hill Esqr, Mr Pitman.

Enclosure:—

CAPTAIN FREDERICK COBBE PITMAN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

Memorial. Relates his services in North America and India. Is now in distressed circumstances and asks for some employment in America.

1 *page.*

Endorsed:—No. 18. *Memorial of Capt Pitman, requesting an Employmt in North America. In Noel Hill's Esq of Septr* 3d 1772, *v. mem. p.* 1. *Entd. Memorial of Fredk Cobbe Pitman Late Captain. In the East India Companys Service.*

JOHN POWNALL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, September 8, at midnight.—Is much perplexed over an estate in consequence of the death of a relation. Sends with some enclosed letters the Instructions for the Commissioners appointed to investigate in the "Gaspée" affair. Remarks on them.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Pownall, 3d Sept. 1772.

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LORD DARTMOUTH to GOVERNOR JOSEPH WANTON.

1772, September 4. Whitehall.—No. 1. Containing the King's directions to inquire into the circumstances attending the outrage on the "Gaspée" schooner.

Draft. 9¾ *pages.* [Similar drafts in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 201, fos. 279 and 373.]

Endorsed:—Dra^t to Gov^r Wanton. 4^th Sept^r 1772. (No. 1.) Ent^d.

Copy of the foregoing.

The KING to GOVERNOR JOSEPH WANTON, DANIEL HORSMANDEN, FREDERICK SMYTH, PETER OLIVER and ROBERT AUCHMUTY.

1772, September 4. St. James's.—Instructions to inquire into the "Gaspée" affair.

Copy. [5⅔ *folio pages.* Draft is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 201, fo. 389.]

Endorsed:—No. 6. Copy of Instructions to the Commissioners of Inquiry in Rhode Island 4 Sept. 1772.

CAPTAIN ARCHIBALD BLANE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, September 6. Reading.—Desiring to be appointed to one of the Governments to be settled on the Ohio.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B 26. Cap^n Blane 6^th Aug^st 1772 for Ohio Government.

Enclosures:—

COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET to LIEUTENANT ARCHIBALD BLANE commanding at Ligonier.

1763, *July* 4. *Carlisle, North America.—Commends him for his bravery in defending his post. Those who agreed to stay with him shall be rewarded. Is ashamed of those who so treacherously abandoned him. Had Lieutenants Christy and Gordon behaved with the same courage as Blane their important posts would not have been lost nor Christy and his garrison massacred. Importance of his post for support of Fort Pitt. Sends a reinforcement.*

Copy in Blane's hand. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy Col^l Bouquet's letter, July 4^th 1763.

LORD BARRINGTON to CAPTAIN ARCHIBALD BLANE.

1772, *September* 3. *Cavendish Square.—If a Governor is appointed on the Ohio, considers he deserves such an appointment, but the application must be made to Lord Dartmouth.*

Copy in Blane's hand. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Copy of Lord Barrington's Letter. Sept^r 3^d 1772.

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CAPTAIN ARCHIBALD BLANE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, *September* 6. *Reading.—Memorial. First part begins "That your Memorialist served the whole of last war in North America." After this comes a memorandum, then the* 2nd *part begins: "My other Services in that Part of the World, and which I now have the honour to lay before your Lordship are," &c. &c., the first part being copy of what was written in December* 1764 *or January* 1765 *to Welbore Ellis.*

Autograph copy. 2 *folio pages.*

*Endorsed:—Captain Blane's Memorial. Sept*r 6th 1772.

JOHN POWNALL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, September 6. Sunday Evening ½ past nine.—The despatches on the "Gaspée" business are about to be sent off. As this affair has been misrepresented in the newspapers he has suggested to Mr. Eden that a notification of the Commission and the Proclamation should be there made. Death of Lord Hawley, Lieutenant Governor of Antigua; this appointment is in Lord Dartmouth's patronage. Encloses the papers he ordered. Is leaving London to-morrow.

Autograph letter signed. With seal (broken). 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Pownall 6th Sept. 1772.

JOHN POWNALL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, September 7. Rochester.—Mr Eden's surprise that Lord Dartmouth had not kissed the Queen's hand upon taking the Seals. Such conduct was considered extraordinary. As some importance may be attached to this matter, he mentions it in a friendly way to his Lordship.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Pownall 17th Sept. 1772.

WILLIAM KNOX to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, September 8. Whitehall.—Fears that the proceedings related in the despatches will lead to a war with the Indians. Apologizes for omitting to send two papers on the "Gaspée" affair. Encloses one, the other will follow.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Knox. 8th Sept. 1773 (*sic*).

HENRY BASSET to LORD [SCARSDALE].

1772, September 10. Detroit.—With a slip of paper on which is written "To Captain Basset Major to the 10th Regiment at Detroit by New York to be forwarded by General Gage." Refers to a letter in which he desired his Lordship's influence with Lord Hillsborough to get him appointed Governor of Detroit. Necessity there appears to be for a Governor. Should this not succeed, proposes that he be appointed Surveyor General of the lands and woods and Receiver of the quit rents of Detroit and its dependencies. Has been an officer nearly thirty years.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

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LORD DARTMOUTH to CAPTAIN ARCHIBALD BLANE.

1772, September 10. Sandwell.—In answer to his letter of 6 September. When the settlement is decided upon, his application will be attended to, though he fears he can give him but little encouragement.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

LORD DARTMOUTH to LORD VISCOUNT GAGE.

1772, September 10. Sandwell.—In answer to his of 30 August, states that he cannot give M^r^ Kemble any encouragement to accept of a deputation from M^r^ Morgan in the hope of succeeding to his office in America.

Autograph copy signed. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Ent^d^.

JOHN MORE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, September 10. Rothimurchus.—Is "importuned by two hundred families in this and the neighbouring parishes, to intreat of your Grace to let them have the encouragement given by Government (if any) for settling in North America."

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Scotch Families desiring to be transplanted to America.

MONSIEUR LAVANCHY to [LORD DARTMOUTH.]

1772, 7bre 11. à Utrecht.—Setting forth his ideas with reference to making new settlements on the rivers Ohio and Mississippi.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—C—34. M^r^ons. (*sic*) Lavanchy Ohio Settlem^t^ &c.

JOHN POWNALL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, September 19. Whitehall.—Receipt of letters from America. Fears an Indian war will result from the barbarous murders committed on them, and considers stringent measures should be taken to bring the perpetrators to justice. West Indian affairs.

Autograph letter signed. 4½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Pownall 19 Sept. 1772.

SIR JAMES WRIGHT, Baronet, to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, September 22. Venice.—

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—S^r^ James Wright Venice 22^d^ Sept. 1772. Congratulations.

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The Earl of Rochford to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, September 23. St. James's.—Hopes he will be able to attend the Cabinet on Wednesday the 7th October, if not, any resolutions then passed will be forwarded to him.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—E. of Rochford 23 Sep^{r} 1772 (private).

John Pownall to [Lord Dartmouth].

[1772], September 27, ½ past 1 p.m. Sunday.—Difficulty he foresees in Colonel Dalrymple being made a Major-General for the purpose of assuming the duties carried on by Governor Leyborne in the expedition against the Caribs. The placing military persons over the chief Governor in America, has already been complained of in Parliament in the case of General Gage. Further observations on the subject. With this is an autograph copy of Lord Dartmouth's answer.

Autograph letter signed. 5¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Pownall 27 Sept. 1772.

Charles Williamos to [Lord Dartmouth].

1772, September 28. Dover Street.—Sends a letter from the Duke of Manchester and a memorial from his brother relative to his disagreeable situation in America. Encloses considerations. His services in the Customs at Jamaica having been detrimental to health and fortune, he seeks for the appointment of Naval Officer at New York.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—B 29 M^{r} Williamos 28th Sept. 1772, desiring an Appointment.

Enclosure:—

Considerations on the Culture of Vines, Olive, and other Trees in North America with a Plan for carrying such Culture into execution.

Autograph. 9 *quarto pages.*

Lord Edgcumbe to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, September 29. Mount Edgcumbe.—Recommends to his notice William Pepperell, grandson and heir to the General who took Louisburgh. Advises the bestowal of this favour as he has large family connections and they will then be more likely to support his Lordship's measures.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A 32. Lord Edgcumbe 29 Sept. 1772, recommending M^{r} W^{m} Pepperell. Lord Edgcumbe.

The Earl of Rochford to Sir William Trelawny, Baronet.

1772, October 1. Whitehall.—The 50th Regiment from Ireland and part of 60th from North America to go to Jamaica and the 36th and 66th to come to Europe.

Copy. ¾ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Rochford to Sir William Trelawny, Bar^{t}, dated Whitehall, Oct^{r} 1st 1772.

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LORD SCARSDALE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, October 6. Kidleston.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.* With Lord Dartmouth's answer dated Sandwell 12 October promising to take the request into consideration.

Endorsed:—A 53. Lord Scarsdale. Kidleston, Oct. 6th 1772. Recommending Mr Bassett. V. Cor. p. 1–2. Entd.

Again endorsed:—Ld Scarsdale Mr Basset *Detroit.*

Enclosures:—

CAPTAIN HENRY BASSET to LORD [SCARSDALE].

1772, *May* 1. *Quebec.—Sets out for Detroit on the 5th instant, to command the Fort and garrison there. Desires to be appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Detroit.*

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *pages.*

Endorsed:—In Lord Scarsdale's of Oct. 6, 1772. 1.

CAPTAIN HENRY BASSET to LORD [SCARSDALE].

1772, *June* 29. *Detroit.—Entreats his Lordship to influence the Secretary of State to make him Lieutenant-Governor of this place. Arrived here with the troops under his command on the 23rd instant. On the way met an Indian trader who had just brought in the scalps of eight Indians. A Governor is much wanted as there are no regular police. Mentions seeds he sent his Lordship last year.*

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—In Lord Scarsdale's of Oct. 6, 1772. 2.

JOHN POWNALL to LIEUTENANT GENERAL THOMAS GAGE.

1772, October 7. Whitehall.—Receipt of his No 76. The regulations for civil Government proposed by the Inhabitants of the Illinois were not enclosed in General Gage's dispatch as stated. West India affairs.

Draft. 1¼ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Drat to Lieut Genl Gage Whitehall 7th Octor 1772. J. P.

JOHN POWNALL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, October 8. Whitehall.—Sends copies of all the letters signed by the other secretary during his absence. Difficulties he has had to encounter with Lords Rochford and Suffolk in the business concerning the relief of troops.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Pownall 8 Oct. 1772.

RELIEF of TROOPS.

[1772, October 8.] Not dated, but see Pownall's letter above.—Memorandum relative to the business in connection with the relief of troops going to or returning from America.

3¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—In No 1 Domest.

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DEER ISLAND SETTLERS to JOHN CALEF.

1772, October 9.—Authority to act as their Agent. Authorising him to present a petition to the King, for a grant of this Island. Sixty signatures.

Copy. 1 *folio page.*

J. MALLET to DOCTOR WILLIAM HUNTER in Wind-Mill Street, London.

1772, October 9. New York.—Governor Tryon assures him he will do nothing to the detriment of the lands in question. Hopes the lady will be able to get a grant of these lands, under the great seal and free of quit rents.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—In B—12.

FOX ISLAND SETTLERS to JOHN CALEF.

1772, October 9.—Authority to act as their Agent. Authorising him to present their petition to the King for a grant of this Island. Twenty-five signatures.

Copy. 1 *folio page.*

Settlers in FOX ISLAND, county of Lincoln, Massachusetts, to the KING.

1772, October 9.—Petition. Stating the circumstances under which they have subsisted on this island, and asking for a grant of it, instead of being turned off with their families into the wilderness. Twenty signatures.

Original. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Pet^{n} Fox Island.

JOHN THORNTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, October 14. Clapham.—"I must trouble your Lordship to execute the inclosed full power & to send it to Baron Smythe. I have been some time in disburse for D^{r} Wheelock's Schools and shall have more to pay soon." Thanks for his reply concerning his nephew Knipe. Recommends Thomas Rennard in America to his notice for some suitable employment there.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A 56. M^{r} Thornton M^{r} Knipe M^{r} Rennard in N. America 14 Oct. 1772.

JOHN POWNALL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, October 17. Chandos Street, Cavendish Square.—His indisposition. Finds there are many letters and papers in the Department of Secretary of State requiring Lord Dartmouth's serious attention, and two or three needing the consideration of the Cabinet. Transmits a note with its enclosures just received from Sir Stanier Porten.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Pownall 17 Oct. 1772.

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The Reverend BERNARD PAGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, October 19. London.—Represents the necessity of keeping the families on the lands lying upon the Susquehannah River. If some relief is not granted many must die of want before the spring. When he left them they had nothing but a small allowance of potatoes.

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Rev^{d} M^{r} Page. 19 Oct. 1772, inclosing a Letter from Lady Huntingdon.

Also endorsed:—Rev^{d} M^{r} Page & Lady Huntingdon.

Enclosures:—

PETITION to the KING.

Petition of Sixty Fathers of distressed Families.

3¾ *large pages.*

Endorsed:—N^{o} 22. *The humble Petition of Sixty Fathers of most distressed Families residing at Fort Augusta in the province of Pennsylvania, and in the Jerseys in North America; Husbandmen. By the hand of Bernard Page, Clerk, requesting the Re-possession of Lands from which they have been driven, after many Contests, about Wyoming on the Back of Pensylvania, and that they might be more immediately under the Royal Protection in their Persons and Properties, &c. V. mem. p.* 11. *Ent^{d}.*

LADY S. HUNTINGDON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, *September* 21. *London.—Recommending M^{r} Page and desiring help may be granted to the people living on lands upon the Susquehannah river.*

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

RICHARD CRACRAFT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, October 20. Philpot Lane —Distress of the Moheagan Indians and their agents, owing to the delay of judgment in the controversy between them and Connecticut in 1770. Serious consequences that will follow if it is not speedily settled.

Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Cracraft Moheagan Cause. M^{r} Cracraft 20th Oct. 1772. In behalf of the Moheagan Indians.

Enclosure:—

MOHEAGAN INDIANS. PETITION to the KING.

By John Mason. Relate their sufferings from encroachments on their lands by the Colonists. Desire permission to move to a fresh settlement between the Falls of the Ohio and the entrance of the Mississippi, and there to receive the King's protection. Offer this petition by Mason, who is their chief guardian and trustee in all their transactions with Government.

2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 36. *Petition of the Moheagan Indians. Cracraft.*

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William Samuel Johnson to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, October 20. Stratford in Connecticut.—Congratulations upon Lord Dartmouth's appointment as Secretary of State. His friends having suggested that he be appointed Chief Justice of New York, states the pleasure such an office would give him and mentions several people in London who would recommend him for it.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B. 30. Oct^{r} 20, 1772. D^{r} Johnson desiring a Law-Office.

General Phineas Lyman to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, October 21. Suffield.—Considers Lord Dartmouth's appointment will greatly help to restore harmony between England and America. Remarks on his plan to form a settlement on the Mississippi.

Autograph letter signed. With seal (broken). 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—B 31. 21 Oct^{r} 1772. Gen^{l} Lyman desiring some Attention for his Services.

Deposition of John Beath.

1772, October 23. Lincoln Island.—Before Thomas Rice and John Stinson J.P. Details the circumstances under which he obtained a settlement at Pemaquid under Colonel Dunbar acting by commission from George II. Shews how unjustly they have been turned off and their sufferings in consequence.

Original. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 4. Beath. John Beath's Deposition.

Samuel M^{c}Cobb, William Moore and William Fullerton. Depositions.

1772, October 23. Lincoln Island.—Before Thomas Rice and John Stinson J.P. Recounting how they settled on lands East of Kennebeck River. That Col. Dunbar offered to give them the deeds of these lands, but the execution was delayed and in 1733 he was removed to New Hampshire. Their sufferings from the Indians etc. In 1764 they were legally incorporated into a town by the name of Boothbay, and, though poor, they have built a church, paid the public charges of Government and proved themselves loyal subjects of George III.

Original. 2¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Samuel M^{c}Cobb, W^{m} More & W^{m} Fullerton's Deposition. No. 1, 2, 3, M^{c}Cobb Moore Fullerton.

The Reverend William Gordon to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, October 24. Jamaica Plain.—Details of a conversation lately held with Thomas Cushing on American affairs. "He assured me that the Colonists would not be fully satisfied till matters were brought back to the state in which they were before the stamp act." The right of Parliament to regulate trade was admitted, as also to

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appropriate the sums arising therefrom, but not to raise a revenue. The conversation turned on what would be an immediate gratification and put the General Court into good humour, on which the Speaker mentioned the removal of the troops, the restoration of the castle to the care of the Colony, instructions to be given to the Governor to sign tax bills without any exception in favour of commissioners etc. and the leaving it to the General Court to provide for the Judges. Mr Gordon thinks the removal of the troops would be a good thing; he continues:—"I had the honour of dining with the Governor at his table, the day his Excellency prorogued the Assembly and refused signing the tax bill in virtue of the instruction received a few days before, and had an opportunity of observing the disgust, and of knowing the sentiments of some of his warmest friends, who could not refrain from mentioning that they hoped the Assembly would never agree to make the proposed exception let the consequences be as they would." Governor Bernard's former imprudence with the Council.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Octr 24, 1772. Revd Mr Gordon Boston.

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, October 27. London.—Relates his zealous services to Government for 21 years. Complains of conduct of Governor Grant by whom he was condemned and ordered to England in 1771. Remarks on his surveys. Desires restoration to his office, and proper encouragement in the service.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr De Brahm.

Lieutenant Governor Andrew Oliver to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, October 30. Boston.—Congratulations.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—No. 3. Boston Octr 30, 1772. Lt Govr Oliver. R/ 6th Decr.

Cortland Skinner, Attorney-General of New Jersey, to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, October 30. Perth Amboy.—Memorial. Having held the office of Attorney General of New Jersey for upwards of eighteen years, desires an increase of salary.

Original. 1½ *folio pages.* [A signed duplicate is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 195, fo. 17.]

Endorsed:—No. 5. Memorial C. Skinner Esqr Att.Gen. N. Jersey Genl Fitzroy.

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

[1772, October.]—The possessors of large territories in North America generally lay out their tracts in several hundred lots, reserve some as a favourable place for themselves, then let every third or fourth lot by lease to tenants at a certain annual rent. If Lord Dartmouth approves, he can easily find thirteen good French Protestant families

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willing to go and cultivate his lands in East Florida. Suggests names. By this means his Lordship's lands would be settled in less than twenty years with honest, industrious, experienced and religious tenants. Encloses two original letters received from M^r and M^rs Roux.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—C—37. M^r De Brahm (without Date) relative to the Purchase of American Lands.

Enclosures:—

MADAME ROUX to WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM.

1772, 8^bre 6. *Merges.—Thanks for kindness to her husband and sons. Hopes to meet de Brahm in America.*

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 3 *quarto pages. In French.*

MONSIEUR ROUX to [WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM].

N. D. [1772, *October*].—*Solicits his interest to procure him a grant of* 6,000 *acres in America.*

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages. In French.*

JOHN CALEF to the KING.

N. D. [1772, October].—Memorial in behalf of the Proprietors of Twelve Townships lying in the Territory of Sagadahock: Granted to James Duncan and others, by the Province of Massachusetts-Bay. Repeats a petition presented in 1763 to the King shewing that the territory of Sagadahock and the adjacent islands were granted to the inhabitants of Massachusetts Bay by William and Mary, and desiring him to confirm it. This petition was referred to the Board of Trade which considered the advisability of such a step being taken, but since 17 July 1764 nothing more has been done. Desires a speedy settlement either by confirmation of former grants, or by erecting the district into a separate province, as the inhabitants are at present in great distress because of this uncertainty.

Original. 7½ *folio pages.*

"A LONDONER" to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, October.—Congratulations. Entreats him to watch his two secretaries who "carry with them into office, all the injurious and illiberal Ideas, and *Enmitys, publick* and *personal*, of their late Lord, and will insidiously labour, to possess your Lordship, with their *private* Prejudices and Resentments." Warns him of the consequences of slighting this admonition, which comes from one who loves him cordially.

Letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Anonymous Oct^r 1772 C—32.

OHIO SETTLEMENT.

1772, October.—Observations on the new Settlement on the Ohio, addressed to Lord Dartmouth. Exposes the difficulty of communication for the purposes of trade. Believes that the settlers would shortly become "tartars or savages;" ridicules the notion of silk culture and

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concludes that the people would be lost to Britain in a commercial view.

Original. 3¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Oct[r] 1772 Anonymous Ohio Settlement C—36.

Sagadahock and Penobscot Rivers.

1772, October.—A General account of the Country Eastward of the River Sagadahock in the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, and an account of the settlements East of the Penobscot River. Gives names of places granted, and of grantees. Remarks and observations.

3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—A General Account of the Territory of Sagadahock N. England.

A duplicate follows.

The Duke of Manchester to [Lord Dartmouth].

1772, November 2. Paris.—Considers his brother Lord Montagu has served Government well in South Carolina, and he wishes now to be removed to a more congenial climate. Mentions Barbadoes if Lord Dartmouth has not decided on a more suitable person for that Government.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A 39. Duke of Manchester. 2[d] Nov[r] 1772 recommending his Brother.

Again endorsed:—Duke of Manchester.

Lord Dartmouth to Lieutenant-General Thomas Gage.

1772, November 4. Whitehall.—The state of the Illinois district requires serious consideration. Quarrel with the Chickasaws at Kaskaskias is a very unlucky event.

Copy. 1½ *folio pages.* [Draft is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 128, fo. 145.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Lieut: Gen[l] Gage, dated Whitehall 4[th] Nov[r] 1772.

The Reverend James Alice to [Lord Dartmouth].

1772, November 5. Paisley.—Solicits his assistance with regard to the act passed in Pennsylvania concerning the manner of swearing in law courts. As the King and Council have a negative over the laws made by the Governor and Provincial Assembly the Rev. Wm. Marshel of Philadelphia desires him to try and procure an interest with some of the nobility, who can be of service to prevent the repeal of this Act.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev[d] M[r] Alice of Pensylvania.

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BOARD OF TRADE. MINUTES.

1772, November 5. Plantation Office.—Concerning the Indians and lands and debts in Georgia.

Original. 1¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Minutes of the Board of Trade 5 Novr 1772.

Judge ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, November 5. New York.—Complains of the conduct of the New York General Assembly in excluding him from a seat in the Assembly, though five times elected representative for the Manor of Livingston, the pretence being that "*No* Judge of the Supreme Court should sit or vote in the House." Recounts his services as judge of the Supreme Court of the Province since 1763. Refers to Mr Wooldridge as able to confirm all he has stated.

Copy. 5 *folio pages.* [The autograph signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 182, fo. 883.]

Endorsed:—B 20 Judge Livingston New York. 5th Novr 1772.

PHILIP SKENE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, November 7. Skenesborough in the County of Charlotte.—Introducing the bearer, Mr. Hawley, who was amongst the first settlers under the faith of a New Hampshire grant, and who has been appointed by the members of the Church of England agent to represent their case in the mother-country. Daily disputes, often attended with riots, had occurred between the proprietors under New York and New Hampshire, until Governor Tryon took the measures he did. He (Skene) has one of the first grants in Charlotte county under the New York government..

Autograph letter signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—No. 1. Mr Skene N. Hampshire recommg Mr Hawley 7th Novr 1772.

BOARD OF TRADE. REPRESENTATION to the KING.

1772, November 9. Whitehall.—With Appendix consisting of :—

Schedule of the following Papers. 9 November 1772.

A. Memorial of Governor Wright to the Earl of Hillsborough. [November 1771.]

B. Governor James Wright. List of Papers relative to his Memorial about Indian Affairs. [November 1771.]

No. 1. Cherokee Indians. Cession of lands to Indian Traders in Payment of Debts. 22 February 1771.

No. 2. Talk from Judd's Friend, an Indian, to Captain John Stuart at a Convention of the Over Hills Cherokee Chiefs and beloved Men. 7 March 1771.

No. 3. Cherokee Indian Talk to Governor James Wright. 3 May 1771.

No. 4. Governor James Wright to the Cherokee Indians. 23 May 1771.

No. 5. Upper Creek Indian Talk to Governor Wright. 1 May 1771. With note of Philemon Kemp transmitting the talk 6 June.

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No. 6. Governor James Wright. Talk to the Upper Creek Indians. 25 June 1771.

No. 7. Cherokee Indian Talk at a Meeting near Fort Charlotte. 8 June 1771.

No. 8. Indian Traders in the Creek and Cherokee Nations (George Galphin, James Jackson, and nine others). Memorial to Governor Wright. [November 1771.]

C. London Merchants, trading to and interested in the Province of Georgia. Memorial to the Board of Trade.

D. Memorandum only of a Map describing the lands proposed to be ceded by the Creeks and Cherokees.

Copy. 7½ *folio pages.* [Original is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 233, fo. 327.]

Endorsed:—No. 1. (Copy.) Representation of the Lords of Trade upon the Proposition of Gov^{r} Wright, for a Cession of Land from the Creek & Cherokee Indians Whitehall 9th Nov^{r} 1772.

MONTFORT BROWNE. MEMORIAL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, November 10.—Recounts his services, sufferings and losses.
Original. 2 *large pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 17. Memorial of Montfort Browne Esq^{r}, requesting an Appointment to a Government in North America. *V.* Mem. p. 2. Ent^{d}.

Enclosures:—

The EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH to MONTFORT BROWNE.

1772, *August* 25. *Hanover Square.—Is grieved that his resignation of office will prevent him from compensating Browne for his losses and ill-treatment at Pensacola. Apologizes for not writing to his friend at New Grove.*
Copy. 1 *quarto page.*

CIVIL GOVERNMENT on the MISSISSIPPI.

Reasons for the immediate Establishment of a Civil Government in the British Dominions adjoining the River Mississippi in North America. With foot notes containing application from some French at Pensacola to Governor Browne and extract of a Report of Engineer Cambel to the Government, all undated.
Printed. 4 *large pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 6. Reasons For the immediate Establishment of a Civil Government in the British Dominions adjoining to the River Mississippi in North America.

CHARLES TURNER to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1772, November 11. Kirkleatham.—The delay in attending to the enclosed petition, has necessitated the petitioner borrowing 300*l.* from him and others.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—A 43. Charles Turner Esq^{r}. Kirkleatham near N^{o} Allerton, Nov^{r} 11th 1772, recommending M^{r} Hird's Case. *V.* Cor. p. 10–9 Ent^{d}.

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Enclosures :—

JAMES HIRD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, *November* 10. *Kirkleatham near N^o Allerton.—Renews his application on behalf of his son, who is now at New York without employment but is willing to go to any part of North America or the West Indies and able to undertake any service given him.*
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed :—In M^r Turner's of 11 *Nov^r* 1772.

JAMES HIRD to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1772, *July* 16.—*Petition. With certificate of Charles Turner as to the veracity of the petition. Stating that his son sailed for New York in August* 1770 *where he settled till May* 1771 *when Gage appointed him Barrack Master of Nova Scotia. In January* 1772 *he was deprived of this office by a M^r Morden and since then has been unable to maintain himself and family.*
Autograph copy. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed :—In M^r C. Turner's of Nov^r 11^th^ 1772.

CABINET MINUTE.

1772, November 12, Thursday (received from the Earl of Rochford for Lord Dartmouth's use).—Sketch of the points to be taken into consideration with reference to the present situation of England with France. "England has not a single friendly power or ally to boast of." France, Spain and the Italian States are united in the south, and in the north, Russia, Prussia and Vienna are joining in the dismemberment of Poland. Russia is on the eve of a war with the Porte and will then attack Sweden.
6¾ *folio pages.*
Endorsed :—Cabinet. For Lord Dartmouth's Use.

[BOARD OF TRADE] MINUTES.

1772, November 9, 12 and 16.—Concerning M^r Hocquart's Claim to Gros Macatinat. Lands on Lake Champlain. New Hampshire grants, etc.
2⅓ *folio pages.*

[BOARD OF TRADE] MINUTES.

1772, November 18.—Two papers, one not dated. The first refers to fees in New York and Virginia, the Governor of the first having 12*l.* 10*s.* for every 1,000 Acres. The second relates to the recovery of debts in New Hampshire and New Jersey and to Charters for Massachusetts Bay.
1 *folio page* and 1 *quarto page respectively.*

THOMAS WOOLDRIDGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, November 24. New York.—Congratulations. The New England provinces rejoice at his appointment and anticipate the full enjoyment of civil and religious liberty. Encloses a letter and some verses from Phillis Wheatley, a negress, to Lord Dartmouth. [Query

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tor these enclosures see the Eleventh Report of the Royal Commission, Appendix, Part V., page 334.]

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Woldridge N. York, Nov. 24, 1772.

Settlers on Southern Fox Island to John Calef.

1772, November 25.—Authority from the settlers on Southern Fox Island, Lincoln County, Massachusetts, to John Calef to act as their Agent. Authorising him to present their petition to the King and endeavour in any way to procure the royal grant of their island.

Copy. ¾ *folio page.* [For a list of the other papers found within the same wrapper see Calef to Dartmouth 1 February 1775.]

Settlers on Southern Fox Island to the King.

1772, November 25.—Petition praying for a grant of this island.

Original. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Pet^n^ Southern Fox Island.

Board of Trade to the Lords Committee of the Privy Council for Plantation Affairs.

1772, November 30. Whitehall.—Report. Have taken into consideration the extract of a letter from Governor Tryon to the Earl of Hillsborough, dated 1st of February 1772, and consider that the terms of His Majesty's mandamus, in favour of Howard, do not warrant the construction put upon it by Tryon and that he ought not to have made the grant. The only way for the proprietors to be redressed for injuries, is to apply to the Courts of Justice in New York.

Copy. 3¾ *folio pages.* [Draft of this Report is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, New York, Vol. 63A, fo. 517.]

Endorsed:—No. 3. Report of the Board of Trade upon an Extract of a Letter from W^m^ Tryon Esq^r^ Gov^r^ of New York, relative to a Grant of 10,000 Acres of Land made by him to Lieut. Col. Howard. Dated Nov^r^ 30^th^ 1772.

[Lord Dartmouth]. Minutes.

1772, November 30.—Relating to the Mississippi. Mississippi Custom House removed from Mobile to Ship Island. Depth of water etc.

In Lord Dartmouth's hand. ½ *folio page.*

Governor Sir James Wright to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, November.—Memorial.

Autograph signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 21. Memorial to the Earl of Dartmouth. Gov^r^ Wright, presented Nov^r^ 1772, relative to securing the Province of Georgia from the Depredations of the Indians. *V.* Mem. p. 8. Ent^d^.

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Enclosures:—

GOVERNOR SIR JAMES WRIGHT.

1772, *October* 31.—*Heads of his memorial sent to Lord Hillsborough in November* 1771. *Concerning Indian trade. Forts and lands in Georgia.*

Autograph. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Heads of my Memorial. In Gov^r Wright's Memorial of Nov 1772. 1.

GOVERNOR SIR JAMES WRIGHT.

1772, *October* 31.—*Reasons in support of his memorial sent to Lord Hillsborough in November* 1771. *Observations on the advantageous proposal of securing and continuing peace with the Indians by the concession of lands. Serious consequences that will ensue if some measures are not taken to protect the Inhabitants against the Indians.*

Autograph. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Reasons in Support of my Memorial. In Gov^r Wright's Memorial of Nov^r 1772. 2.

GOVERNOR SIR JAMES WRIGHT.

1772, *July* 8. *Savanah in Georgia.—"A General State of things as they were in Georgia when I came to the Government in October* 1760, *and how they are now in July* 1771."

Autograph Copy.. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—General State of things in Georgia from 1760 *to* 1771. *In Gov^r Wright's Memorial of Nov^r* 1772. 3.

EXPORTS of GEORGIA.

An Aggregate and Valuation of Exports of Produce from the Province of Georgia, with the number of vessels and tonnage employed therein, annually distinguished, from the Year 1754 *to* 1771. *Compiled by William Brown, Comptroller and Searcher of his Majesty's Customs in the Port of Savannah.*

Printed. 1 *strip.*

Endorsed:—In Gov^r Wright's Memorial of Nov^r 1772. 4.

BOARD OF TRADE to the LORDS COMMITTEE of the PRIVY COUNCIL for PLANTATION AFFAIRS.

1772, December 3. Whitehall.—Report. [Printed in full in Vol. VIII., p. 488, of the "Documents relating to the Colonial History of New York," published by that State; also in Force's American Archives, Vol. IV., Fourth Series, col. 704. A draft of it, in manuscript, is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, New York, Vol. 63A, fo. 523.]

Copy. 25½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 4. Report of the Lords Comm^n for Trade & Plantations, relative to the Disorders that have prevailed in consequence of Grants of Land between the Rivers Hudson & Connecticut in America. Dated Dec^r 3^d 1772.

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JOSEPH WARD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, December 3. Boston.
Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B 22. M^r^ Joseph Ward, Boston, Dec^r^ 3^d^ 1772. (Praying the Office of Secretary to New Hampshire, or any other civil Employment in New England; and inclosing the Testimonium of M^r^ Abrm̃ Fuller to his Character) with the additional Signature of Gov^r^ Hutchinson to M^r^ Fuller's Honor & Veracity.

Enclosures:—

ABRAHAM FULLER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, *December* 13. *Newton.—Recommending M^r^ Ward as a loyal subject and well deserving and fitted for the post he solicits.*
Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—In M^r^ Joseph Ward's of Dec^r^ 3^d^ 1772.

RECOMMENDATION of JOSEPH WARD.

1772, *December* 13. *Newton.—By Abraham Fuller J. P. With a certificate by Governor Hutchinson* 14 *December as to the veracity of Fuller's character.*
Original. 2½ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—In M^r^ Joseph Ward's of Dec^r^ 3^d^ 1772.

WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk, to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, December 8. Boston.—Sends the enclosed by order of the committee.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

Printed pamphlet containing the Votes and Proceedings of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, in Town Meeting assembled, according to Law. Published by Order of the Town. To which is prefixed, as introductory, an attested Copy of a Vote of the Town at a preceding Meeting.

Containing:—Votes of the Freeholders appointing a Committee of 21 *persons to state the rights of the Colonists* 28 *October—* 2 *November; Report of the Committee appointed by the town stating the rights of the Colonists, and showing the infringements and violations of those rights,* 20 *November; Letter from Boston to the other towns* 20 *November; Appendix N^o^ I. Message to the Governor; N^o^ II. Governor's answer* 30 *October; N^o^ III. Petition of the Town to the Governor* 30 *October; N^o^ IV. Governor's answer* 2 *November.*
Printed pamphlet in stiff covers. 46 *quarto pages.*

MAJOR-GENERAL PHINEAS LYMAN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, December 8. Suffield.—By the increase of population a constant emigration is taking place from the settled lands in Connecticut to the country between Crown Point and the Connecticut River.

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Proposes the erection of a civil government from the Bay of Mexico to the Ohio and so to direct that emigration thither. Asks encouragement for the Company of Military Adventurers, who served in the provincial forces and who propose to settle there. "As to the temper of the people they are evidently returning to their old sentiments of loyalty and the spirit of Boston don't seem to communicate any heat into the country."

Autograph letter signed. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed:—C—13. Connecticut 8th Decembr 1772 Major Gen Lyman Proposing Means for the Settlement of the Mississippi R/ 15 Febry 1773.

MARBLEHEAD. PROCEEDINGS of a TOWN MEETING.

1772, December 8.—"Resolved, That every part of the British Dominions hath a right to expect that no powers of Legislation or Government be exercised, but what are every way consistent with the English Constitution, and its true Principles." That the Acts of the British Parliament are opposed to the exercise of these rights. That a Committee of grievances be chosen etc. etc.

Copy. 7¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of the Proceedings at the Town Meeting at Marblehead on the 8th December 1772.

LORD DARTMOUTH to LIEUTENANT GENERAL THOMAS GAGE.

1772, December 9. Whitehall.—No. 6. Critical state of Indian affairs. Troops to remain at Kaskaskias.

Copy. 1¼ *folio pages.* [Draft of this letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 128, fo. 171.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Lieut: Genl Gage, dated Whitehall 9th Decr 1772.

LORD DARTMOUTH to GOVERNOR THOMAS HUTCHINSON.

1772, December 9. Whitehall.—No. 4. Has received his letters of 1st October, 23rd October, and Nos 1 and 2. Remarks on the seditious newspapers of Boston and the people's mistaken notions of the authority of the British legislature.

Copy. 5½ *folio pages.* [Draft of this letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 173, fo. 483.]

Endorsed:—No. 4. Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Govr Hutchinson, dated Whitehall 9th Decr 1772.

MINUTES.

1772, December 10.—In Lord Dartmouth's hand. "Governor Hutchinson concerning the clause to give the Governors custody of lunatics and idiots." Governor Franklin on the same subject. £586 to be allowed to Gov. Browne.

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The Reverend Mr. Breynton to Captain Hughes.

1772, December 14. Halifax.—Desertion of troops at Halifax and Boston. Considers the King's ships are not half manned, notwithstanding the vigilance of the Admiral. The inhabitants induce the desertion. "A few pusilanimous Commissioners of the Revenue are the sole cause of Boston's being the rendezvous of the shipping." The military meet with constant insults at Boston.

Extract. 1⅓ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 2. Extract of a Letter from the Rev^{d} M^{r} Breynton To Cap^{n} Hughes, dated Halifax, Nova Scotia, 14th December 1772.

Town Meeting at Plymouth.

1772, December 14. Plimouth Court House.—Proceedings.

Copy. 5½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of the Proceedings and Resolves at the Town Meeting at Plymouth on the 14th December 1772.

Town Meeting at Roxbury.

1772, December 14.—Proceedings at a Meeting of Freeholders and other Inhabitants taking into consideration a "State of the Rights of the Colonists."

Copy. 7¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Proceedings of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Roxbury legally assembled by adjournment on Monday 14th Dec^{r} 1772. (Copy.)

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, December 15. London.—Asking him to consider the enclosed and render him some assistance.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.* *With seal (broken).*

Enclosure:—

Abridgement of part of Governor Grant's deportment against the Surveyor General William Gerard de Brahm.
Autograph. 7 *folio pages.*

Captain Elihu Hall to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, December 15. P.S. 20 January. Wallingford.—Relates his services in America. Mentions his losses. Desires some lucrative post in the Civil department in any of the provinces.

Autograph letter signed. 7 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Capt. Elihu Hall 1773.

Enclosures:—

Memorial to Lord Dartmouth.

Desiring compensation for money advanced to soldiers, and expended upon them in the war for the reduction of Canada.
Autograph. 2 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Memorial of Elihu Hall.

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Enclosures—cont.

CASE of CAPTAIN HALL.

He raised a Company at his own expense to join the British armament under command of General Sinclair for an immediate reduction of Canada. Had to advance half their pay and the whole of their subsistence for which he has received no compensation, though he has crossed the Atlantic six times for that purpose.

Printed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Case of Elihu Hall.

CAPTAIN HALL to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1772, *July* 31.—"*I am sick of this bad World, London and Westminster grow Painful to me.*" *Thanks for his kind treatment. Refers to his petition to Lord North for the Collectorship of Customs in Connecticut.*

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Elihu Hall July 1772, *praying the Collectorship of Customs in America.*

VIRGINIA.

1772, December 19. Council Chamber, Whitehall.—Order of Committee of Council.

Signed. 1 *folio page. With seal* (*paper impressed over a wafer*).

Endorsed:—No. 3. *Virginia.* Order of the Lords of the Committee of Council for plantation affairs, dated Dec^{r} 19, 1772, referring to this Board for their consideration & report, an Address of the House of Burgesses of Virginia to the King, praying that the Gov^{r} of that Colony may be permitted to assent to such Laws as may check the importation of Slaves from the Coast of Africa into the said Colony. C.c. Rec^{d} Dec^{r} 23, 1772. Read Jafiry 25 1773.

Annexed:—

VIRGINIA HOUSE of BURGESSES. ADDRESS to the KING.

[1772, *about May* 1.]—*Desiring him to prevent the importation of slaves from Africa into this colony.*

Copy. 2 *folio pages.*

The EARL OF DUNMORE to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1772, *May* 1. *Williamsburg.—The evil consequences of having so many slaves imported to the colony and the desirability of passing laws to prevent this.*

Copy. 2 *folio pages.*

[*The originals of these annexed papers are in the Public Record Office, Amer. and W. Indies, Vol.* 210, *fos.* 91 *&* 95.]

B. ROBERTS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, December 21. Kings Bench.—Relates his services to America. In 1766 he acted as commissary of Indian affairs and settled the trade of the Indian country. His present distress owing to a lawsuit. Desires

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Lord Dartmouth's assistance by granting him a written leave of absence from prison to enable him to raise money to procure his liberty.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—C.—17. Mr Roberts, with various Informations respecting the Savages, &c., in America.

William Bollan to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, December 22. Southampton Street, Covent Garden.—Immediately after his last attendance on Lord Dartmouth he applied to a worthy friend, a great dealer in tea, well acquainted with the trade in all its capital parts, to draw up his sentiments in writing upon the effect of the threepence duty imposed. This friend was also desired by a gentleman from the city to make him such a statement to be communicated to Lord North.

Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

Reasons for a Repeal of the Act of 7th George III. which imposes a Duty of three pence per pound weight on Tea imported into America. That the levy is contrary to an agreement between the Government and the East India Company; that its removal would be beneficial to public revenue as well as to that of the Company, and would enable them to dispose of the large quantity in their warehouses. They cannot keep up their China trade without a freer circulation.

2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—State of the Tea Trade.

Governor Thomas Hutchinson to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, December 22. Boston.—Acknowledges letter N° 2 of the 4th of September. Thanks him for copies of papers concerning the Rhode Island affair and complains of the conduct of the people of Boston and other towns.

Copy. 1⅔ *pages.* [The autograph signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 174, fo. 23.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Govr Hutchinson to the Earl of Dartmouth dated Boston 22d December 1772.

Lord Suffolk to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, December 23. 50 minutes past 5 p.m. Duke St Westminster. —Lord North believed Lord Dartmouth would approve of the resolution of last night's meeting so had his name inserted among the Lords present. If not agreeable it can be erased.

Not autograph, third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Ld Suffolk 23 Decr 1772. Enclosing Minute of the Cabinet.

The Reverend Thomas Atkin to [Lord Dartmouth].

1772, December 26. Queen Ann's County.—The bearer, Captain Thomas, will be glad to receive commands.

Fragment of autograph signed letter. ¼ *quarto page.*

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JOHN POWNALL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, December 26. Bath.—His zeal for the public service. Hopes soon to be well enough to return to his duties.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Pownall, Bath, 26 Decr 1772.

TOWN MEETING at PEMBROKE.

1772, December 28.—Proceedings of a Town meeting, with copy of a letter from it to the Committee of Correspondence at Boston 31 December 1772. Complaint of grievances. Desire for redress.

Copy. 4½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 5. Copy of Proceedings of a Town Meeting at Pembroke Decr 28th 1772.

The REVEREND DR. ELEAZAR WHEELOCK to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, December 28. Hanover, New Hampshire.—Congratulations on his appointment as Secretary of State. Good wishes. Submits the enclosed petitions to his Lordship's disposal. "I am very sorry to hear that the Character, and Administrations of My dear Governor Wentworth are impeach'd before the Board of Trade. And indeed it is strange to me, if there be any Reason for, or Justice in the Charges laid against him, that I have been so long in this Province, and have had so much acquaintance with him (and as I supposed with all orders and sorts of men in it) and have never once, that I remember, heard him complaind of in any one particular which I hear he is now complaind of and charged with before that Honourable Board. And your Lordship will pardon me that my Zeal is so far warmed for his vindication against that which I suppose to be cruel slander, as to say, and it is but what I must say if I were under the greatest solemnity, that his true character (so far as I know it) is that he is easie of Access, his Temper benevolent and obliging, he is a Pattern of Charity and Compassion to the poor and afflicted, He is vigilant, and Assiduous, to promote, and incourage Virtue, Learning, Industry, impartial Justice, Peace, and good Order throughout his Province, and the happy Effects of his mild, and prudent Administrations witness the same. And I verily beleive their is not a Governor upon this Continent more cordially and universally beloved by his People than Governor Wentworth, nor one they would be willing to exchange him for."

Autograph letter signed. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Revd Dr Wheelock Decr 28 1772.

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The REVEREND DR. WHEELOCK to the KING.

1772, *December* 28. *Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.*—"*The Petition of Eleazar Wheelock Doctor in Divinity and President of Dartmouth College on Connecticut River in the Province of New Hampshire, Most Humbly Sheweth,—That the Petitioner Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subject, did upon his own Inheritance and at his own Expence found and erect an indian charity School, in Your Majesty's Colony of Connecticut above twenty years ago, with a view to civilize and*

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christianize the Natives in the Wilds of America, and by the Charitable Donations of Friends piously disposed towards the Design of said School, and particularly by Your Majesty's most benevolent Assistance in the Year 1766, *and the charitable Donations of many Noblemen, Gentlemen and Others in imitation of Your Majesty's pious Example, which your Petitioner dos always most gratefully Acknowlege, he has been enabled to support and continue said School unto this Day.*

That by Your Majesty's Royal Munificence said School was constituted a College by Letters Patent under the great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire bearing Date the eighteenth Day of December in the year of our Lord one Thousand, seven Hundred and sixty-nine by the Name of Dartmouth College, and there upon was soon removed and Settled in this new and almost uncultivated Wilderness, with a Special View to civilize & Christianize the indian Natives, as well as encourage and promote the Settlement of this new & wide extended Country, whereby a large Addition of Subjects and oppulence may accrue to your Majesty's American Dominions.

That it has been found by repeated Tryals, & long Experience that it is necessary in order to the Successful Prosecution of the great Design proposed, that a Suitable Number of English Youths should be fitted for Missionaries to go forth with the Children of the Natives to take the Lead and conduct of the great affair in the Wilderness.

That a Number Educated in this School have been and still are employed as Missionaries with Success in that Service, and a considerable Number are now preparing in this College and School to follow after them in a Succession as God in his Providence shall open a Door for their Employment therein.

That the Hardships and Dangers they have to encounter in such a Service, while separated so far from all the pleasurable Enjoyments of the Social Life, and among uncultivated Savages in the Wilderness, are too many and great to enumerate or justly describe.

That one great and common Objection, among many others which their own thoughts as well as their Friends naturally and strongly suggest against their undertaking such a Mission, is that they must either undergo the Mortification and all the Burdens & Disadvantages of a Single and unmarried Life in that Service, or bring up a Family without the ordinary Advantages of an Education and be exposed to leave a Widow and Children under very penurious and dependant Circumstances.

That the Slender Funds already collected for the Support of Missionaries in this said Service, bear but small proportion to their great Expences, or the Demerit of Such a Service. The Confederation of which has induced Your Humble Petitioner, though at great Expence, to examine into the State and Situation of Your Majesty's vacant and uncultivated Lands in this Country, by which he has discovered Sundry large Tracts of Land in the Province of New York wholly uncultivated, & never yet granted by any of your Majesty's Governors in America, and neither claimed nor possessed by the Indians.

That your Humble Petitioner is very desirous of obtaining your

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Majesty's Letters Patent under the great seal of the Province of New York for the Quantity of Twenty-five Thousand Acres of the said vacant Lands, in Trust for the use of said Missionaries and their needy Families on the same Terms of Quit Rent which your Majesty has lately been pleased to grant (as your Petitioner is informed) in Trust to the Governors of your Majesty's College in the Province of New York and to the Church of England in the same Province by Law Established.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prayes that Your Majesty would be graciously pleased to take the Premises into your princely Consideration and to grant unto the Trustees of said Dartmouth College your Majesty's royal Order or Mandamus, to the Governor or Commander in Chief of your Majesty's Province of New York directing and commanding him by your Majesty's Letters Patent under the great Seal of the said Province to grant unto your Petitioner or to the Trustees of said Dartmouth College, in Trust, for the use of such Missionaries as shall be from Time to Time sent forth into said Service, or for the Education of their Children, or Support of their needy widows and Families, at Discretion as Merit or necessity shall deserve and require, the said Quantity of Twenty-five Thousand Acres of Land on the same Terms of Quit Rent as above Specified, and that the same may be erected into a Township by the Name of Appii Forum and vested with all the usual Privileges granted to other Townships with in the Said Province, and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall pray &c."

Autograph signed. 2¾ *folio pages.*

The Reverend Dr. Wheelock to the King.

1772, *December* 28. *Same address.*—"*That the Petitioner your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subject, being deeply impressed with a just sense of your Majesty's most gracious and benevolent Aid and Assistance extended in the Year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-six, to the Indian Charity School founded more than twenty Years ago, and carried on in your Majesty's Colony of Connecticut by your Majesty's humble Petitioner, which has since been removed to the Province of New Hampshire, and thro' your Majesty's Royal Munificence constituted a College by Letters Patent under the great Seal of the said Province bearing date the eighteenth day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine by the name of Dartmouth College, for which peculiar privileges your Petitioner begs leave with undissembled Sincerity to return your Majesty his most unfeigned and hearty thanks.*

That your Petitioner flatters himself that the erection of the said College has already been, and will yet be of great utility and Advantage to this as yet almost wild and uncultivated part of your Majesty's American Dominions, by encouraging Population and Literature, and promoting civility and Virtue, particularly among the Indians.

That the slender Funds on which this Infant Seminary is established has induced your Majesty's Petitioner (tho' at great

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expence) to examine into the State and Situation of your Majesty's vacant and uncultivated Lands in this Country, by which he has discovered sundry large tracts of Lands in the Province of New York wholly uncultivated and never yet granted by any of your Majesty's Governors in America, and neither claimed nor possessed by the Indians.

That your Petitioner is very desirous of obtaining your Majesty's Letters Patent under the great Seal of the Province of New York for the quantity of twenty five thousand Acres of the said vacant Lands to your Petitioner and his Successors, or to the Trustees of said College in Trust, for the same Uses and purposes of said College and School as the Lands already given by private Doners were designed for, and on the same Terms of Quit Rent which your Majesty has been lately pleased to grant (as your Petitioner is informed) in Trust to the Governors of Your Majesty's College in the Province of New York, and to the Church of England in the same Province as by Law established.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays, that your Majesty would be graciously pleased to take the Premises into your princely Consideration, and to grant to your Petitioner, or to the Trustees of said Dartmouth College your Majesty's Royal Order or Mandamus to the Governor or Commander in Chief of your Majesty's Province of New York, directing and commanding him by your Majesty's Letters Patent under the great Seal of the said Province to grant unto your Petitioner and his Successors, or to the Trustees of said College in Trust, for the early Use and Benefit of said College and School as before specified, the said quantity of twenty-five thousand Acres of Land on the same Terms of Quit Rent as above specified, and that the same may be erected into a Township, by the name of St. George, and vested with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within the said Province."

Signed. 3¼ *quarto pages.*

Dartmouth College.

1773, *January* 1.—*Address to Lord Dartmouth from twenty-eight Scholars of different standing in the College and School, intending missionaries. Expressing their deep sense of his lordship's goodness to them and offering their congratulations on his promotion. Affairs of the seminary wear an encouraging aspect "whether we consider the endearing generosity of our excellent Governor in particular or the good affection the leading part of the Province manifest towards it or the unwearied assiduity of our worthy President."*

Letter signed. 3 *pages.*

Dartmouth College.

Specimen of two Indian boys' writing after five weeks' instruction. "Courtesy and humility denote gentility."

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[South Carolina.]

1770, February 19 / 1772, December 31.—Report of the Committee on the Public Treasurer's Accounts between these dates.

4 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—(Paper No. 1.)

[N.B.—For paper endorsed N° 2, 3, and 4 see under Thurlow and Wedderburn 31 March 1772, which paper is in the same handwriting as this.]

Thomas Wooldridge to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, December 31. New York.—Remarks on lands in East Florida Virginia, &c. Desires an appointment in East Florida.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Woolridge concerning Lands in America.

Edward Abbott to [Lord Dartmouth].

N. D. [1772].—"My Lord. In obedience to your Lordships commands I have Collected from some Papers I have with me the best Accounts they and my memory furnishes of the State of Detroit." The inhabitants are loyal and brave; they have often expressed a wish for a civil government. The Indians there could be easily governed by a proper person. The imports from British manufactures amount to £100,000 and from the West Indies to nearly as much.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Abbott. Account of Detroit.

Joseph Adams, mate of sloop "Liberty," to [Lord Dartmouth].

N. D. [1772].—Petition. Recounts his distresses since the destruction of the "Liberty" at Newport 19 July 1769, having had to flee to Connecticut, West Indies, New York, Philadelphia, and Barbadoes; thence by the kindness of Captain Thomas Adams was brought to London, where he presented a memorial to the Lords of the Treasury. John Robinson at this time charged the petitioner falsely, on which he returned to Boston and obtained two affidavits and other papers clearing his character, came back to London and now seeks relief.

Original. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Jo. Adams. Petition To the R^t^ Honb^le^ the Earl of Dartmouth his Majestys Chief Sec^y^ of State for N. America.

Trade and Revenue of North America.

N. D. [? 1772].—Observations on the Trade and Revenue of North America, with some Hints for the Improvement of both, and a Plan for the Prevention of Smuggling. Begins.—"North America having been fully explored in the Course of the last War, a more thorough Knowledge was obtained of its real State and Circumstances."

54 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 11. Observations on the Trade and Revenue of North America, &c., and A Plan for the Prevention of Smuggling.

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MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN BRADSTREET to the KING.

N. D. [? 1772].—Petition. Written by T. Howard his agent. Expense to which he has been put, for cultivating certain lands in Albany County New York. Desires he may hold said land exempt from all quit-rents and provincial fees, in consideration of the money he has laid out, and for his services in America during the late war.

Original. 2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—The Petition of Majr Genl John Bradstreet.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D. [1772].—Observations on the annexed sheets, which comprehend a full history of Florida.

Not autograph. 2 *large folio pages, in stiff cover.*

Annexed:—

1772. *History of East Florida from its discovery in* 1513 *to* 1771. *In three chapters and with tables of Surveys. Gives details of its discovery, conquest, settlement by the Spaniards, cession to England, and first inhabitants, a description of the country, the boundaries, and surveys.*

The separate title page to the Tables of Surveys alone is in De Brahm's hand.

64 *large folio pages.*

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D. [1772].—Memorial. Asks that his papers and maps may be laid before the Board of Trade and the usual certificate for his salary due since last midsummer 1772.

Autograph signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—The Memorial of William Gerard de Brahm.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to the LORDS COMMISSIONERS of the TREASURY.

N. D. [1772].—Memorial. Relates his services in establishing in 1751 the colony of Bethany in Georgia with 300 Germans with the approval of the several Governors. Complains of Governor Grant's treatment of him in St. Augustine. Sends particulars of the same. [*Qy.* That this is the Memorial referred to in his letter to Lord Dartmouth, 23 January 1773.]

Signed. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Southern District of North America. Surveyor General's Memorial And Governor Grant's Deportment.

Annexed:—

Abridgement of Governor Grant's Deportment against the Surveyor General. With a letter from John Stokes to De Brahm, 21 *December* 1772.

Copy. 14 *large pages.* [*See above under* 15 *December.*]

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MINUTES.

N. D. [? 1772].—Paper in John Pownall's hand, endorsed "Cabinet" and headed "Memorandum of business upon which The King's Pleasure is to be taken." "For taking the sense of Cabinet upon General Gage's request to have orders for withdrawing from the Illinois the Detatchment of 50 men stationed at the Kaskaskias." Other items refer to Lieutenant Governor Cramahé, Governor Shuldham, and Lord Dunmore's letter respecting the running of the boundary line between Virginia and the Indian country. Governor Leyborne. Memorial of Merchants trading to Africa. Governor Chester. Lieutenant Governor of Antigua. Appointment of Horsmanden to be Chief Justice of New York. Mr Duke Solicitor General at Barbadoes.
3 *folio pages.*

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL GABRIEL CHRISTIE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D. [? 1772].—Memorial.
¾ *page.*

Endorsed:—N° 12. Memorial of Lieut.-Col. Christie, praying, that some Lands which were formerly in the Possession of the French as a part of Canada, and which he purchased of the French proprietors, may not (tho' included in New York by the Proclamation of 1763) be granted away from him.

Annexed:—

PETITION to the KING.

No signatures. Said by Lieut.-Col. Christie to be from the original proprietors and others who purchased from them.
Land purchased by them on Lake Champlain in consequence of the session of Canada to the King, made by His most Christian Majesty. By an alteration in the boundary line their property comes within the jurisdiction of New York, they are under apprehensions of being deprived of it, as some of them have been already by grants made during the government of the late Sir Hy. Moore. Desire the King to examine into the just cause of their complaint, recall those grants and prevent the like occurring again.
2¾ *pages.*
Endorsed:—In Lieut. Col. Christie's Memorial to the Earl of Dartmouth.

NEW YORK and NEW HAMPSHIRE DISPUTED GRANTS.

N. D. [1772].—State of Facts relative to the Lands West of the Connecticut River. Owing to the uncertainty of the boundary between New York and New Hampshire, the Governors of both these provinces made grants in disputed lands between the Connecticut and Hudson Rivers. An order was issued on 24 July 1767 that the Governor of New York should not make any grants within the limits of any townships laid out by the Governor of New Hants. In June 1771 the Board of Trade considered this subject and reported their opinion to the Lords of the Council but no determination has been made thereon

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as yet, though Governor Tryon has granted several townships of late.

Copy. 8¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 3. State of Facts relative to Lands West of Connecticut River.

The Reverend Temple Henry Croker to Lord Dartmouth.

1772.—Memorial. Has been invited by several influential gentlemen to go and settle with them on the Mississippi. Is willing to go, but waits Lord Dartmouth's appointment to a place or living within the said settlement, and with such provision for support as may be thought proper.

Signed. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—To the Right Honourable The Earl of Dartmouth The Memorial of The Rev[d] Temple Henry Croker, Clke.

[Lord Dartmouth] to the Lord President of the Council.

N. D. [? 1772]. Whitehall.—In accordance with the King's command has directed Pownall to deliver to the clerk of the Council in waiting all papers relative to the complaint against the Governor of New Hampshire with representation of the Board of Trade to His Majesty thereon.

Rough draft in Pownall's hand. 1 *quarto page.*

Trade of Dunkirk.

1772.—Estimate of the Annual Imports at Dunkirk from Great Britain and Ireland with the Principal articles of Fair Trade, exported from Dunkirk to London, with remarks. America is mentioned several times. By Captain Frazer.

11½ *folio pages.*

Memorial of the Inhabitants of East Florida.

N. D. [? about 1772].—To whom is not stated. On Governor Grant's promise to the inhabitants of enjoyment of their privileges. Outrage of Creek Indians. Showing how money given by Parliament for the improvement of the colony has been wasted. Mention of Josiah Bagly whose lands, on his death, were seized by the Governor. Their grievances against Governor Grant are so numerous that they pray for an Assembly like other provinces, for the purpose of making such laws as the exigency of their circumstances require.

Not signed. 1 *large leaf, both sides.*

Captain John Gordon, Jacob Vanbraam, and others, to the King.

N. D. [? 1772].—Memorial. Difficulties in procuring grants of land in North America on account of their inability to apply for them personally. Desire the King will grant a mandamus that such officers of the navy and army as served in North America during the late

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war may be allowed their shares of lands in North America upon application to the Governors and Councils of the Provinces by power of attorney.

2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—To the King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council the Humble Memorial of John Gordon &c.

Case of Captain John Græme.

N. D. [1772].—Representing that his brother the late Lieutenant-Colonel Græme about the year 1768 gave a power of attorney to a friend to enter into negotiations for 5,000 acres of land in New York. Requests that Lord Dartmouth would procure a new mandamus for him or the heirs at law.

¾ *page.*

Endorsed:—Case of Cap^{t} John Græme of Duchrie rec^{d} from Col. Murray.

The same, but with some variations in the opening sentence.

1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Case of Cap^{t} John Graham of Duchrie.

Captain Elihu Hall to Lord North.

N. D. [1772].—Memorial. Certified by several London merchants. Beginning "That your Memorialist raised a Company for an intended Expedition against Canada" (*qy.* see a similar memorial in the previous list of Lord Dartmouth's MSS., Eleventh Report, App^{x} V., p. 372.)

Signatures of the merchants are autograph. 2 large pages.

Endorsed:—N^{o} 9. *Memorial* of Elihu Hall to Lord North, praying the Appointment of Collector of Customs in Connecticut, or other Provision, in requital for his Losses and Services.

Monsieur Hocquart.

N. D. [? 1772].—Claim to the Port of Gros Mekatinat on the Coast of La Bras-dor.

5¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Mon^{r} Hocquart's Claim to the Gros macatinat.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Howard.

N. D. [1772].—State of Title to the 10,000 Acres on Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland. "This Title is founded on a peremtory Mandamus from the King, recommended by the Board of Trade, and Advised by the Privy Council."

8½ *folio pages.* [A duplicate of this is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 173, fo. 423.]

Endorsed:—State of Colonel Howard's Title to Lands on Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland.

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1772, *February* 3. *Boston.—Copy of Governor Hutchinson's letter to Governor William Tryon.*

Certified by William Tryon. 2 pages.

Endorsed :—Copy of a Letter from Gov^r Hutchinson to Gov^r Tryon, dated Boston, 3^d Febr^y 1772 *(relative to Col. Howard's Grant at Hinsdale, and his Controversy with the other Claimants of that Township). In State of Col. Howard's Title to Lands on Connecticut River.*

Narrative of Lieutenant Colonel Howard's Application to Governor Tryon for a Grant of Land in New York. Upon Lieutenant Colonel Howard's arrival at New York, he made application to Governor Tryon to have his Majesty's Order of Council for ten thousand Acres of Land located near a settled country. Not finding such, he employed a private surveyor who reported a vacant tract near Connecticut River and letters patent were ordered by Gov. Tryon to invest him with that property.

1¾ *pages.*

Endorsed :—Narrative of Col. Howard's Application to Gov^r Tryon for a Grant of Land in New York. (In State of Col. Howard's Title to Lands on Connecticut River.)

[These three papers were probably enclosed by Governor Tryon to Lord Dartmouth in his letter of 5 January 1773.]

Description of the Illinois.

N. D. [1772].—Its position—in the 40^th^ degree of latitude, 500 leagues from New Orleans by water and 350 by land—its natural features, the people, the forts and the best way to deal with the Indians there.

2¾ *pages.*

Endorsed :—Description of The Illinois.

Nathaniel Jones of the Middle Temple, Barrister at Law, to Lord Dartmouth.

N. D. [? 1772].—Memorial. Being constituted by sign manual Chief Justice of the Jerseys in North America in June 1759, he relinquished his business. Objection and persecution shown towards him there and refusal of the Assembly to support him. By his long absence he has lost his business and having been at much expense is now in reduced circumstances.

Original. 2½ *pages.*

Endorsed :—To the Right Honourable the Earl of Dartmouth one of his Majesty's principal Secretary's of State.—The Memorial of Nath^l^ Jones Esq^r^ Barrister at Law.

Note.—For letters and papers relative to the opposition to Mr. Jones and the prior claim put forth by Robert Hunter Morris to the chief justiceship of the same province, see the *New Jersey Archives*, Vol. IX., Newark, N. J. 1885.

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[William Knox to Lord Dartmouth].

N. D. [? about 1772].—Note in the hand of William Knox to the effect that Mr Arnaut would not trust him with any part of the Report. That there is nothing in it worth his Lordship's perusal as it is merely an abridgement of the case lately laid before the Attorney and Solicitor General and of the State in 1768 and a narrative of what passed respecting the association for non-importation, the quartering the four Companies of the Artillery that put in to Boston and the proceedings respecting the Judges' Salaries.

1 *quarto page.*

Fees of Civil Officers.

N. D. [? about 1772].—Case of the Civil Officers claiming fees in the Colonies. "In the Colonies of Quebec, Nova Scotia, New York, Georgia, East and West Florida, The Fees to be taken by the Civil Officers are established by Ordinance or Order of the Governor and Council." In other colonies the fees are in general settled by Act of General Assembly. Questions as to the King's legal power to revoke, annul, or even alter many of these fees.

In the hand of William Knox. 7 pages.

Endorsed:—Drat of Case of the Civil Officers claiming Fees in the Colonies.

Claim of the Sieur Lotbiniere.

N. D. [1772].—A number of papers in French with reference to the claim of the Sieur Michel Chartier de Lotbiniere to lands on Lake Champlain—apparently memoranda for the Earl of Dartmouth.

These papers are:—

"Memorandum pour deux seigneuries a la tête du lac Champlain propriété du Sr Michel Chartier de Lotbiniere" &c.

"Prospectus sur mes deux seigneuries du lac Champlain et des sommes dépensées a leur occasion." Londres 23 Juin 1772.

"Ext: de la capitulation générale du Canada 8 Sep. 1760 concernant les propriétés et droits de tous ceux qui vivent dans l'Etendu du dt. pais" with

"Ext: du traité de paix" 10 Fev. 1763.

"Réfléxions sur la valeur de mes deux Seigneuries du lac Champlain" Londres 9 Dec. 1772.

Extract from his journal concerning a conversation held with Lord Hillsborough 24 March 1772.

Original. 13 *quarto pages.* [Somewhat similar papers are in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, New York, Vol. 42.]

Mississippi Settlement.

N. D. [? 1772].—Reasons for Establishing the intended Government on the Mississippi at the White Cliffs near Point Coupé. Signed by Merchants, American Officers, and Intentional Settlers and addressed to Lord Dartmouth. Upwards of 4,000 persons from different parts of America and Europe are settled on lands between the Natchez and

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Lake Maurapa. Importance of forming a seat of Government on the Mississippi. Six reasons why the tract of land called the White Cliffs, now in Montfort Browne's possession is the best spot for such an establishment. Governor Browne has offered a large tract of land adjoining these cliffs for building purposes.

Original signed. 2 large pages.

Endorsed :—Reasons For Establishing the intended Government on the Mississippi at the White Cliffs near Point Coupé. Humbly offered to the Consideration of the Right Honourable The Earl of Dartmouth.

Copy of the foregoing.

1⅞ *large pages.*

N. D. [? 1772].—Further Reasons for the immediate Establishment of a Government on the Mississippi in the Province of West Florida, humbly submitted to the consideration of the Right Honourable the Earl of Dartmouth. Commercial advantages that will accrue to Britain and the West Indies from this establishment.

1 *large page.*

Natchez.

N. D. [? 1772].—Thoughts on erecting a New Government at the Natchez. "The Memorial of Lord Eglinton, Colonels Taylor and Brown, Recommending the erecting a New Government at Natchez on the Mississippi certainly deserves the most serious consideration."

5 pages and a line and a half.

Endorsed :—C—28. Thonghts on erecting a New Gov^{t} at the *Natchez* on the Mississippi.

Claim of Mr. Remson.

N. D. [? 1772].—Paper containing opinion on M^{r} Remson's claim of lands in New York. The writer submits that as M^{r} Remson and others disclaimed their title to lands illegally purchased from the Indians, the remaining part not yet granted away by the Crown might be allowed them in payment of the quit rent.

1½ *pages.*

Endorsed :—N^{o} 9. Mr Remson's Claim of Lands in N. York.

Captain Sinclair, late of the 15th regiment, to Lord Dartmouth.

N. D. [? about 1772].—Petition. That he served during the last war in North America. That he was employed for three years thereafter in exploring the lakes and rivers on that continent. That he erected a small post for the security of the vessels then under the management of the Crown, for which no adequate allowance has yet been made to him. An Indian deed and papers relative thereto are lodged in M^{r} Pownall's hands. Prays for a sufficient title to the lands granted in the Indian deed and to the barracks built thereon.

1⅛ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Memorial of Cap. Sinclair.

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Governor Wentworth and Peter Livius.

[Winter of 1772–3.]—Extract of the answer of Governor John Wentworth to the complaint exhibited against him by Peter Livius. [A copy of this complaint in the Public Record Office is dated 18 December 1772.] With this answer is placed the reply of Peter Livius, including evidence containing extracts from the Minutes of Council from 1768 to 1772, and depositions of George Wentworth, Samuel Livermore and Thomas Palmer, the last dated 10 March 1773.

John Pownall to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, January 4. Bath.—Hopes to return to his duty in a week or ten days. Has received from Mr Pollock a copy of the last despatch from Carolina, upon which he will only say that he most zealously wishes that without prejudice to any other person, some occasion may soon present itself of removing Lord Charles to a better situation and thereby avoid to himself and to Government the unpleasant consequences of a dispute which whilst it is maintained on one side upon the ground of privilege and on the other side upon the ground of prerogative can never have an end. Observations as to the legality of General Haldimand exercising the powers of commander-in-chief in North America.

Autograph letter signed. 5 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Pownall. Bath, 4 Janry 1773.

John Thornton to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, January 4. Clapham.—Dr Furneaux, the dissenting minister, called on him and showed him an advertisement which appeared in the Virginia Gazette signed by five ministers detained in prison for preaching outside their meeting houses. "He was somewhat earnest with me to lay the case before your Lordship, which I was the less fond of doing as I apprehended he wanted to recommend himself in order to solicit more powerfully for the Dissenters Bill to be brought in by Sir H. Hoghton."

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—J. Thornton Esqr 4 Janry 1773.

Thomas Wooldridge to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, January 4. New York.—Relates information he has gained respecting the apprehensions of the judicious of this country as to what may be the result of the execution of a commission to examine into the affair of the "Gaspée" schooner.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Woolridge concerns American Troubles.

Edward Elmsall to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, January 5. Thornhill.—The latter part of the letter refers to one John Sykes who is very desirous of going to America.

Autograph letter signed. With seal (broken). 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Elmsall, 5 Janry 1773.

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GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, January 5. Fort George. New York.—Acknowledges the King's approbation of his endeavours to become acquainted with the state of the different parts of the Colony. With reference to the purchases and grants made at the Congress in July previous, states that in full confidence of the quiet enjoyment of these lands a number of subjects have expended nearly 5,000*l.* in surveys and purchases. Submits whether it would not be a real hardship if titles thus regularly obtained should suffer any impeachment. Concerning the Canadian claims, states the facts on which he grounded the opinion he had presumed to give—that the Dutch, the first settlers, claimed the whole of the Connecticut River and Lake Champlain and all the country South of the St. Lawrence down to the Delaware River—that a West line from the head of the Connecticut has always been deemed the ancient boundary of New York. Two instances in which it has been abridged. Considers the question of the extent of the French dominions as interfering with these bounds. Encroachments of the Canadians. Regrets the failure of his expedient to settle the New Hampshire claimants. With regard to Colonel Howard's grant, it was issued in obedience to His Majesty's mandamus, and it was not until afterwards he was informed that some settlers on this grant pretended a claim under Massachusetts Bay. Sends a copy of the case and of his correspondence with Governor Hutchinson on the subject.

Copy. 12¾ *pages.* [The original signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 183, fo. 79, and a duplicate in Board of Trade, New York, Vol. 43, fo. 5.]

Endorsed:—N° 5. Copy of a Letter from Gov^r Tryon to the Earl of Dartmouth, dated New York, 5 Jan^ry 1773. Relative to the New York Claim of Lands near Lake Champlain, and to Col. Howard's Grant at Hinsdale.

JOSEPH CAWTHORNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, January 6. At M^rs Hix's, Vine Street, Piccadilly.—On the necessity of preventing the jail distemper being carried in infected transports to America.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r Cawthorne with Some Essays on the Jail Distemper.

DANIEL COXE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, January 6. Trenton, New Jersey.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 3. M^r Daniel Coxe, Trenton, New Jersey, Jan^ry 6^th 1773 (relative to a Claim of Land on the Mississippi, for which he requests a more adequate Compensation (but in any shape) than he has hitherto received).

Enclosure:—

BOARD OF TRADE to the KING.

1699, *December* 21. *Whitehall.—Representation. A note on the back is as follows: "About this Period* (1699) *D^r Coxe sent two Ships on Discovery and Settlement, one of which entered*

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the River Mississippi, and went up as far as where New Orleans now stands, (being the first English Ship that ever did it), but were drove off by a Party of French, superior in numbers, and obliged to give over the Enterprize & further Attempts of Settlement, nor have the Family ever been able since to make any, for want of the Aid of the Crown to support them against the Possession of the French 'till the late Peace, when the present Heir of Dr Coxe made an application, tho' unsuccessfull, for a Regrant, or an adequate Recompence for his Surrender & Release."

1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Inclosed in Mr Coxe's Letter of 6th Janry 1773.

JOSEPH WARD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, January 6. Boston, Massachusetts Bay, New England.—Satisfaction of the Americans at his Lordship's elevation.—A plan is being formed to render America entirely independent of Great Britain. They are appointing standing committees in the towns to keep up a correspondence with all the colonies. They have also a system of civil government drawn up, ready to publish, similar to that of the United Provinces of Holland. For the security of the seaports their idea is to offer free trade to all nations. Desires his Lordship to procure him a commission as Secretary of New Hampshire.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Jo. Ward, Boston N. E. Jany 6, 1773. B. 22.

SAMUEL CUTTS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, January 9. Portsmouth (Province of New Hampshire in New England).—General satisfaction of the Americans on his lordship's appointment as Secretary of State. Desires compensation for a loss of land in the island of Miquelon, sustained on the establishment of the peace with France. Hopes Joseph Ward may succeed in his application for a civil office in this province.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B—33. S. Cutts, Portsmouth N. Hamps. Jany 9, 1773.

SOUTH CAROLINA, CLERK of the ASSEMBLY, to MR. GARTH.

1773, January 12.—Uneasiness caused by the postponement of the passing of the Tax bill. Lord Charles [Montagu] sails for England in a month.

Extract. ¾ *page.*

Endorsed:—N° 3. Extract of a Letter from S. Carolina to S. Garth Esqr 12 Jan. 1773. [Qy. that the initial here is a mistake. Charles Garth was agent for So. Carolina.]

[ ] to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, January 12.—Paper not signed, addressed to the "Earl of Dartmouth, Blackheath, Kent." Considers it great impolicy to nominate either Scotch or Irishmen for governors or other employment in America owing to the prejudice of the Americans against them.

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English noblemen or gentlemen will be the most agreeably received. All secretaries &c. should be enjoined to reside in their respective provinces. Necessity for good roads, upon the making of which transported felons and deserting soldiers might be employed.

4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Anonymous 1772.

The Duke of Argyll to Lord Dartmouth.

1778, January 13. Argyll House.—Hearing that Lord Greville Montagu is not to continue in his government, asks that his brother, now Governor of Nova Scotia, may be transferred thither. His health has suffered from the climate and he was in danger of losing his eyesight from the effects of the continued snow. A copy of the answer, not dated, in Lord Dartmouth's own hand, is on the reverse.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages. Answer* 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—A 41. Duke of Argyle 13th Janry 1773, desiring the Removal of his Brother Ld Wm Campbell to So. Carolina.

Mrs. Deborah Chetwynd to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, January 14. St. James's Palace.—In 1767 a grant of 30,000 acres of land in North America was made to [illegible] in the name of her agent Charles de Friedenberg. Desires a new mandamus may be now made out in her own name.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mrs Chetwynd. Grant of 30,000 Acres N. York.

Annexed:—

Board of Trade to the Lords Committee of the Privy Council.

1768, *November* 17. *Whitehall.—Report. Propose that the King be recommended to instruct the Governor of New York to grant* 30,000 *acres of land to Charles de Friedenberg free from the payment of quit rents for the first ten years.*

Copy. 2½ *pages.* [*A Draft of this is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, New York, Vol.* 63A, *fo.* 271.]

Charles Freidenberg to the Board of Trade.

1768, *November* 3. *London.—Memorial. Desires the dispatch of the mandamus for* 30,000 *acres of land granted him on the west side of Lake Champlain at the river Savannah* [*Saranac*].

1½ *pages.* [*The original of this is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, New York, Vol.* 39, *fo.* 253.]

Charles de Friedenburg (or Freidenburg) to the King.

Memorial. Desires a grant of 30,000 *acres of land in New York.*

¾ *page.* [*A duplicate of this, annexed to an Order in Council of* 24 *August* 1767, *is in the Public Record Office, same volume as the preceding enclosure, fo.* 39.]

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WILLIAM STORY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, January 15. Ipswich, New England.
Autograph letter signed. 2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—B—7. Mr Wm Story N. England Janry 15 1773 requesting an Appointmt in the Customs in Mass. Bay.

GRANVILLE SHARP to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, January 16. Old Jewry.—The last part of the letter refers to the enclosed minutes.
Autograph letter signed. With seal. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—C—3. Mr Sharpe, London, 16 Jan. 1773. On the Business of St. Vincents.

Enclosures:—

1772, *Wednesday, April* 1.—*Extracts from the Minutes of the House of Burgesses of Virginia. Considering the address to be presented to the King with reference to the importation of slaves from Africa.*
2⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—*Extracts from the Minutes of the House of Burgesses in Virginia Wednesday April* 1st 1772.

1772, *November* 14.—*Extract of a letter from a gentleman at Antigua to his correspondent in London.*

The BOSTON GAZETTE and COUNTRY JOURNAL.

1773, January 18.—N° 928.
4 *printed pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 8. Boston Gazette of Janry 13 (*sic*), 1773, containing Resolves of some Town-Meetings.

TEA.

1773, January 19. London.—Observations upon the consumption of tea in North America. Even the Indians drink it twice a day. Subjoined are two invoices of 6 chests of Bohea tea shipped by A. B. and Co. in the "James," George Simpson, Master, on account of Messrs D. and E. Merchants in New York, dated London 1 September 1770, the one showing on what conditions the American merchant is supplied with tea when he can remit money to his agent in London to buy at the Company's sales, the other, when he can only purchase from the merchants on credit, £41 on six chests being the difference.
4½ *pages.*

DOCTOR C. MORTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, January 21. Royal Society.—Acknowledging Lord Dartmouth's very obliging answer to the application for specimens in Natural History from his Majesty's dominions in America &c.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Dr Morton, Janry 21st 1773. Containing Thanks of the Royal Society.

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[ ] to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, Thursday, January 21.—Paper not signed, addressed to Lord Dartmouth, Blackheath, calling attention to a letter in that day's Public Advertiser addressed to his Lordship. If the assertions are authentic, a more barefaced and shameful monopolization of employments in the hands of one family or relations never occurred before in any country. They are all men of mean birth and damaged character and must be objects of hatred and contempt to the Americans. Advises him to use all his influence to remove the numerous sinecures of which they justly complain.

2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Anon. Jan. 1773. Respecting Sinecures in America.

John Thornton to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, January 22. Clapham.—"My Lord, I duly received Dr Wheelocks Packet & it certainly will be best for the Trust to dispose of the remainder of the Fund as soon as they can do it consistently & I have no objection to allowing the Dr £500 for the Building of the School which I shall mention to Mr Keen & I see no necessity of a meeting for the purpose. By this opportunity I send your Lordsp Mr Occoms Letter of thanks & I inclose a Letter a Friend wrote me from the Grenadoes (my partner Mr Cornwall's Brother-in-Law) which I thought you might not dislike to peruse at your leisure. I am obliged to your Lordship for Mr Burnetts packet he wrote me Mr Crooke the Vicar of Huddersfield was given over & I have wrote to Mr Weddell in behalf of a young Oxonion if he drops but I fear I stand but little chance. Your Lordsp has probably heard that Lord Shelburn has engaged Dr Priestley of Leeds to come in March & be tutor to his sons & he has £300 a year settled on him for life. (My Hull partners Brother) Mr Thomas Rennard that I took the liberty of mentioning to your Lordship is at Philadelphia but his Family being in England I doubt not but he would remove anywhere for a maintenance. Mr John Fenton now writes his place turns out better than he expected tho not half so much as it was represented to be, that if anything could be annexed to it, or any small matter given to his son who is five & Twenty & purposing to go to him he might I should hope subsist, till it might be more convenient to remove him which I submit.

I am with great regard trusting your Lordsp will be an instrument of much good.

My Lord/Your Lordships much/devoted obed & hum Servt/John Thornton/Mr Fentons Son has a great impediment in his Speech that he is not fit for publick life."

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A—37. John Thornton Esqr Clapham, 22d Jan. 1773, recommending Mr Fenton. V. Cor. p. 12.

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, January 23. London.—Encloses a memorial he has prepared to lay before the Treasury, [*qy.* see the end of the previous year], and desires his Lordship's advice about presenting it. Complains of the

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injustice of his antagonist (Governor Grant). Recommends his cause to his Lordship's protection.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr De Brahm.

Enclosure:—

1769, *February* 15.—*James Delaire. Survey of land belonging to Lord Grosvenor west of the Leach Shoal East Florida.*

Original signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Lord Grosvenors 12,000 *acre behind the Leech Shoal.* 24 *F.*

HANS STANLEY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, January 23. Privy Garden.—Sends the enclosed extract of a letter from Captain Hamond which explains the memorial left in the hands of Mr Pownall.

Autograph, third person. ½ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—H. Stanley Esq. 23d Jany 1773 inclosing Memorial of Capt. Hammond for Land in Virginia.

Enclosures:—

CAPTAIN ANDREW SNAPE HAMOND to HANS STANLEY.

1772, *December* 6. *"Arethusa" at New York.—Relates certain information concerning the settlement of the boundary line between Virginia and the Cherokees in order to elucidate a difficulty raised by Lord Hillsborough respecting his grant.*

Extract. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

CAPTAIN ANDREW SNAPE HAMOND to the KING.

1772, *April. Williamsburg in Virginia.—Memorial. Desires a grant of* 20,000 *acres of land free of quit rent.*

Original signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—No 28. *Capt. Hammond's Memorial.*

Again endorsed:—Captain Hammond's memorial for land in Virginia 1772.

AMERICAN REVENUE.

1773, January 25.—J. Williams. An account of the produce of the American Revenue and proposing Remedys for extending and securing the same. Upon the three articles of sugar, molasses, and wine alone, the duties, if put under a proper mode of management, would annually amount to £109,333 6*s.* 8*d.* This is almost all lost by the misconduct of the present members of the American Board who have impressed such an idea of their insolence, timidity and ignorance upon the whole continent of North America that the people there abhor having any transactions with them and all subordination and respect to the revenue under their management. Advises a removal of the present members of the board (who may be put on half-pay) and the appointment of a new one with a respectable, experienced commissioner from the mother board in England at the head of it, which would spread universal joy through the whole continent.

Signed. 1½ *pages.*

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LORD DARTMOUTH to GOVERNOR THOMAS HUTCHINSON.

1773, February 3. Whitehall.—N° 6. Remarks on the conduct of the Inhabitants of Massachusetts as shown by articles in the newspapers. The late M^r^ de Berdt's case. Commissions for the trial of pirates.

Copy. 4¾ *pages.* [A draft of this is in the Public Record Office, series America and West-Indies, Vol. 174, fo. 47.]

Endorsed:—N° 9. Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov^r^ Hutchinson, dated Whitehall, Feb^y^ 3^d^ 1773. (N° 6.)

LORD DARTMOUTH to GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON.

1773, February 3. Whitehall.—Desirability of a decision on the claims of the proprietors of the Hardenburgh patent. Thinks the mode proposed for bringing on the discussion by a grant to Colonel Bradstreet of a part of the lands is not regular or proper. Colonel Bradstreet is to be acquainted with this, but assured that Lord Dartmouth will be happy on any other occasion to show him every attention due to his services. The state of the country West of the Connecticut River has been discussed by the Board of Trade and reported to the Privy Council and the Lord President promises to take it up the first day the Committee meets.

Copy. 1¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 6. Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov^r^ Tryon, dated Whitehall 3^d^ Feb. 1773. (N° 5.)

LORD DARTMOUTH to the LORDS OF THE ADMIRALTY.

1773, February 6. Whitehall.—To provide for the embarkation of some regiments about the 15^th^ April.

Copy. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the Lords of the Admiralty dated Whitehall 6^th^ Febry 1773.

LORD DARTMOUTH to the EARL OF ROCHFORD.

1773, February 6. Whitehall.—To inform the Lord Lieut. of Ireland that the 47^th^ Regiment is to go to America.

Copy. ¾ *page.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the Earl of Rochford dated Whitehall 6^th^ Febry 1773.

LORD DARTMOUTH to LORD VISCOUNT BARRINGTON.

1773, February 8. Whitehall.—To give directions for the various regiments required to replace those returning from America, to be in readiness.

Copy. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Lord Viscount Barrington dated Whitehall 8^th^ Febry. 1773.

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Jonathan Carver to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, February 10.—Memorial. Recounts his services in America. For three years past has been without pay or employment. Desires relief and an appointment either civil or military.

Original signed. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—The Memorial of Jonathan Carver Late a Captain in the Provincial Troops in North America.

Isaac Spooner to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, February 10. Birmingham.—Fears that if Mr. Quincey's petition now before the House of Commons be granted it will be prejudicial to the country; if they manufacture the steel and send it over to England it will greatly injure the home trade, and if the use of tilt hammers is permitted it would prejudice that part of the home manufacture. "If they are permitted to make steel, and draw it with Tilt hammers, they will soon manufacture it, that being the next step, & though the beginning may be small, yet manufacturers will soon increase with them to the great prejudice of England, on which I am sure I need not enlarge to your Lordship, nor need I mention to you how greatly any progress in the Iron & Steel Manufacturies will tend to promote the favourite scheme of America; Independence on (*sic*) this Kingdom. Tilt hammers are of very general utility in allmost every Branch of the Iron & Steel manufacturys, being a more expeditious and cheaper method of preparing both for their different uses than any other, & I think should be absolutely prohibited in America, if we have any power to prevent their use there."

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—10 Feb. 1773. Is. Spooner Esq[r] Against M[r] Quincey's Petition for making Steel in N. England.

Relief of Regiments.

1763, [should be 1773], February 11. Thursday.—Notes, in Lord Dartmouth's hand. "That L[d] R[ochford] considers the letter from L[d] D[artmouth] concerning the Reg[t] that is to go from Ireland to America as irregular." Sir Stanier Porten in giving the message adds that he believes the King wishes all orders for this service to be given for the future by the Secretary of State for the Northern or Southern Department. Lord Dartmouth in reply refers to a precedent in 1768 by Lord Hillsborough and proposes to consult the King. His Majesty's decision that fresh regulations are to be issued.

3½ *quarto pages.*

Chief Justice Frederick Smyth to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, February 8. New York.—Containing his remarks and observations in connection with the execution of the commission for inquiring into the circumstances of the burning of the "Gaspée" schooner.

Copy. 7½ *pages.* [The autograph signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 195, fo. 29, and a duplicate in Board of Trade, Proprieties, Vol. 23, fo. 291.]

Endorsed:—N° 7. Copy of a Letter from Chief Justice Smyth to the Earl of Dartmouth, dated New York Feb[y] 8[th] 1773.

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JACOB BLACKWELL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, February 16. London.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Jacob Blackwell London, 16 Febry 1773, (praying the Renewal of a Grant of Land in West Florida and that Govr Chester may receive Directions for that purpose).

LORD HYDE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, February 18.—Thinks it a public as well as a private duty to transmit the enclosed.
Autograph, third person. ½ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Lord Hyde, 18 Febry 1773, inclosing Extract of a Letter from Philadelphia, relative to the Services &c. of Col. Tryon, now Govr of New York.

Enclosure:—

1772, *November* 15. *Philadelphia. Extract of a letter from William Allen to David Barclay.*
Extract. 3¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from Mr Allen of Philadelphia (dated Novr 15, 1772) to Mr David Barclay of London, respecting the Services of Col. Tryon, Govr of New York. R/ 18th Feb. 1773.

NEWSPAPER CUTTING.

1773, February 18.—Cutting from the Public Advertiser No 11,824, containing a further letter signed "Raleigh" addressed to Lord Dartmouth concerning the restrictions laid on American commerce.
1½ *columns.*

Endorsed:—Customs in America.

JOSEPH WARD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, February 18. Boston, New England.—Has obtained a copy of the "system" mentioned in his letter of the 6th January. Desires his name may be concealed. For the better securing America to the British Crown submits a proposal that to His Majesty's titles there be added, the Dominions of North America, to keep alive in the minds of the Americans that the King of Great Britain is their King. Repeats his request for the secretary's office in New Hampshire or that of Lieutenant-Governor. Is assured that if he held an important office in Government he could contribute much to his Majesty's service.
Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Jos Ward. Boston 18 Febry 1773. In—B 22.

Enclosure:—

Extract from "A System of Government and Civil Policy for the United Provinces in North America with observations thereon."
6½ *quarto pages.*

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WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, February 20. Queen's Square, Westminster.—Transmitting the enclosed paper, which is what he believed his Lordship ordered him to make out. "Altho a restored Servant allways recoveres the whole emoluments of his office accrued during his suspension, ... to prove my duty in forwarding peace and tranquility, I raise my demands not to the presidential right of restored Servants to the full but only half the emoluments accrued in the provincial office since my Suspension."

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

Memorandum concerning emoluments due William Gerard de Brahm since his suspension from office.

Autograph. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—de Brahms pretension of £573–18–7½ as provincial Surveyor of East Florida.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, February 20. Queen's Square, Westminster.—Encloses answer he has returned to M^r Bercher which he desires to be forwarded. Offers some advice in case the agreement with the Society takes place.

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosures:—

DANIEL BERCHER to [WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM].

1773, *February* 20. *Harley Street.—Thinks that if a grant of* 6,000 *acres be made, it would be accepted as there are many persons who would join and so make it prove beneficial to Lord* [*Dartmouth*].

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page. In French.*

DANIEL BERCHER to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, *February* 20. *N^o* 44 *Harley Street, Cavendish Square.—On the subject of the land which the Earl of Dartmouth is willing to grant to the Cape Florida Society. A counter proposal for* 6,000 *acres free of all vexatious dues subject solely to a perpetual rent of* £300 *to commence the* 10^th *year.*

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages. In French.*

LAND in EAST FLORIDA belonging to LORD DARTMOUTH.

[1773, February 20, about.]—Paper in Lord Dartmouth's hand containing two proposals concerning grants of land belonging to him [in East Florida] the first being for 3,000 acres, the second for 6,000 on different conditions.

1 *quarto page.*

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LORD STAMFORD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, February 20. Sackville Street.
Autograph, third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—A—3 Earl of Stamford 20 Febʳʸ 1773, recommending Mʳ Nelson to be of the Council of Virginia.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, February 24. Queen's Square.—Conversation with Mʳ Bercher as to details of rent, fees, etc., with reference to the land to be granted by the Earl of Dartmouth in East Florida.
Autograph letter signed. With seal. 2 *quarto pages.*

The HONOURABLE MR. THYNNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

[1773, February 24.]—At the request of Lord Granville has taken the liberty to trouble his Lordship by desiring Mʳ Todd to present Mʳ Finlay as a person Lord Granville has appointed to enquire into his concerns in North Carolina and prays a mandamus that he (Mʳ Finlay) be admitted to the Council there.
Not autograph, third person. ⅔ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Honᵇˡᵉ Mʳ Thynne (without Date, but recᵈ 24ᵗʰ Feb. 1773) (requesting that Mʳ Finlay, Surveyor of the Posts in Nº America, may be admitted of the Council of Nº Carolina).

JONATHAN CARVER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, February 25.—Memorial. Necessity there is for the appointment of an Indian Superintendent for the country west of Lake Huron. From his knowledge of the Indians thinks he could act well in that capacity. He could also be employed as a surveyor and draughtsman. The Indians desire him to represent them to the King. Prays that his case may be taken into consideration.
Original signed. 1⅔ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Nº 2. The Memorial of Jonathan Carver Late a Captain in the Provincial Troops in North America 1773. L/.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, February 27.—"Inclosed is my original Letter with your Lordship's corrections."
Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosures:—

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to DANIEL BERCHER.

1773, *February* 27. *Queen's Square, Westminster.—Contains the terms upon which Lord Dartmouth consents to grant* 6,000 *acres in the centre of his territory at Cape Florida. His Lordship reserves the fine of alienation, to be paid by the purchaser with* 10 *p. c. only. Agrees to the Society's proposal of the rent being* £300, *this, however, to be paid after the* 5ᵗʰ *year with* £100,

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after the 8th *with* £200, *after the* 10th *with* £300, *etc. He is to acquaint the gentlemen of the Society therewith.*

Autograph letter signed. With corrections by Lord Dartmouth. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Autograph copy of the same, signed.

MR. REEVE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

[1773, February.] N° 12 Craven Street, Saturday morning.—Sending the enclosed papers.

Autograph, third person. ½ *quarto page.*

Enclosures:—

CHARLES DUDLEY to [MR. REEVE].

1773, *January* 19.—*Propheries the failure of the inquiry into the burning of the "Gaspée" schooner. The offenders are not only safe from detection but ridicule the measures taken to punish them. Encloses cuttings. It will hardly be credited that so much information as to these measures appeared in print before the commission was opened. "Did Lord Dartmouth expect his secret letter to be given to the public in a newspaper?" Is persuaded no person will be apprehended while the powers of government remain in the present hands or while a man of Gov. Wanton's "cast" sits at the Board of inquiry.*

Extract. 3¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 10. *Rhode Island* 19 *Jan*y 1773. *Mr Dudley Collector of the Customs there to Mr Reeve.*

1773, *January* 19.—*Newspaper cutting containing a letter signed "Americanus."*

1 *strip.*

1773, *January* 19.—*Newspaper cutting containing Remarks on the Resolution passed at the Rhode Island General Assembly* 25 *October* 1769.

35 *lines.*

1772, *September* 4. *Whitehall.—Newspaper cutting containing an Extract of Lord Dartmouth's letter to the Governor of Rhode Island [Joseph Wanton] communicating the King's directions to investigate the circumstances attending the outrage committed on the officers of the "Gaspee" and the burning of that ship.*

1 *strip.* [*Drafts of this letter are in the Public Record Office, America and West Indies, Vol.* 201, *fos.* 279 *and* 373.]

TROOPS.

1773, February.—Arrangement proposed concerning the transportation of troops from Great Britain or Ireland to the colonies in Africa and America, and as to their return from the colonies.

3 *pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 1. Arrangement respecting the transportation of Troops feby 1773.

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The Royal Society.

[1773, March 1, about.]—Daines Barrington. Suggestions for obtaining natural productions from the colonies.
Original. 3 *pages.* [This is enclosed in a letter, placed in the West Indian section of Lord Dartmouth's MSS., from the Committee of the Royal Society to Lord Dartmouth 1 March 1773.]
Endorsed:—Daines Barrington Esq^r^.

[Board of Trade.]

1773, March 2.—List of Business for the Committee.
Two papers. 3¼ *pages* and 2¾ *pages respectively.*

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, March 6. London.—Absence of the Colonel (not named). Fees he fixed for himself upon undertaking the provincial office. Account of the unjust treatment he received from Governor Grant. Expense he has been at and money he has lost. Desires his lordship to procure him a vessel and tender that he may go to America for eight months to expedite the general surveys.
Autograph letter signed. With seal (*broken*). 2¾ *pages.*

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, March 15.—Unjust treatment he experienced from Governor Grant in East Florida. Will give up all provincial fees and perquisites in favour of M^r^ Mulcaster provided he is paid all fees for lands surveyed from 1767, is allowed to draw annually the salary of £150, and is reimbursed the expenses he has incurred.
Autograph letter signed. With seal. 2⅓ *pages.*

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, March 15.—Map he has made shewing the situation of his lordship's territories of 40,000 acres in Cape Florida.
Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1 *page.*
Endorsed:—Ex.

Enclosure:—

Daniel Bercher to William Gerard de Brahm.

1773, *March* 13. *N^o^ 44 Harley Street.—There is no difficulty in accepting the terms laid down by Lord Dartmouth in his letter of 27^th^ February, excepting that of payment beginning after the 5^th^ year. Asks that the first proposal of payment on the 10^th^ year be acceded to.*
Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages. In French.*

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, March 19.—Sends copy of his answer to M^r^ Bercher. Hopes his waiting on Lord Dartmouth for orders and the necessary assistance

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to carry on the King's service in the southern district of North America is approved of.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure :—

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to [DANIEL BERCHER].

[1773, *March* 19.]—*Lord Dartmouth gives up the* 6th *year, and has fixed the rent to begin for the* 7th *year at* £100, *for the* 8th *at* £150, *for the* 9th *at* £200 *and the* 10th £300. *De Brahm thinks the Society ought to understand these are very advantageous terms.*

Autograph copy. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

JOSEPH WARD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, March 20. Boston, New England.—A plan is in contemplation for all people who pay quit-rents to the King to sign an agreement never to pay any more and to unite in defending themselves against the King's officers. Observations and information on the disposition of the people and on the means which might restore harmony. Repeats his request for a commission in one of the New England colonies.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed :—Mr Jos. Ward. Boston 20 March 1773. R. 12 May. In B—22.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, March 22.—Mr Bercher has sent him the enclosed letter. By unjust reports of the province the members of the Swizer (or Cape Florida) Society are afraid to bind themselves to an obligation before the expiration of 10 years. Is willing to become security for 450*l.*, the three years' rent, if allowed to return honourably to East Florida.

Autograph letter signed. With seal (*broken*). 2 *quarto pages.*

Enclosure :—

DANIEL BERCHER to WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM.

1773, *March* 22. *Harley Street.—Difficulty concerning the rent to be paid the Earl of Dartmouth. Will see the principal members again.*

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1 *quarto page. In French.*

DANIEL BERCHER to WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM.

1773, March 23. No 44 Harley Street.—Enclosing a Resolution.

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1 *quarto page. In French.*

Enclosure :—

1773, *March* 22.—*East Florida Society. Resolution. They "give up the* 7th *year gratis" and commence on the* 8th *year with* £50, *the* 9th £150, *the* 10th £300.

Original signed. 1 *quarto page.*

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WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to [DANIEL BERCHER].

1773, March 25. London. — Acquainting him of the Earl of Dartmouth's acceptance of the terms laid down in the last resolution of the Society.

Autograph copy. 1 *quarto page.*

MINUTES.

1773, March 25.—In Lord Dartmouth's hand. On M^r^ Livius's complaints. (New Hampshire.)

6 *quarto pages.*

RICHARD JACKSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, March 26.—Relative to the Incorporation solicited by the Presbyterians of New Jersey. Asks pardon "for having forgot to read the New Jersey papers till last night." The charter, as corrected by M^r^ Ogden and the Attorney-General of New Jersey, may pass. It will amount to nothing more than that of a charitable institution.

Autograph, third person. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Note.—In his letter of May 11, 1772, Wm. Franklin, Governor of the Province, writes to Lord Hillsborough, the Secretary of State, that a Petition from the Presbyterian Clergy of New Jersey praying for a charter of incorporation to enable them to raise a fund for the support of their widows and children had been presented to him, that the Council and the Attorney-General were divided in their opinion as to the propriety of taking His Majesty's orders on the subject, and consequently he forwards copy of the petition, draft of the charter, reports of the Attorney-General &c., for His Majesty's consideration and for permission to pass the said Charter. In his letter of 27th February 1773 Governor Franklin reminds Lord Dartmouth that no answer of His Majesty's determination had been received, and that he would be glad to give a reply to the Petitioners.

The BISHOP OF LONDON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, March 27. London House.—Recommending M^r^ Chapman for a nomination to Pensacola.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—N° 7, BP. of Loudon March 27, 1773, recommending the Rev^d^ M^r^ Chapman.

HANS STANLEY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, March 28. Privy Garden.—With regard to Captain Hamond's memorial would be glad to know what hopes may be entertained of his success.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—1773 Hans Stanley Esq^r^.

Enclosure:—

CAPTAIN ANDREW SNAPE HAMOND to [HANS STANLEY.]

1773, *January* 25. *"Arethusa" at Rhode Island.*

Copy. 5¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 11. Copy of a Letter from Capt. Hamond of the Arethusa, dated Rhode Island, Jan^ry^ 25^th^ 1773 relative to the Execution of the Commission of Inquiry into the Riot at Rhode Island.

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LORD BARRINGTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, March 29. Cavendish Square.
Autograph letter signed. 2¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A—7. L^d Barrington 29 March 1773, recommending L^t Col. Leland, for a Gov^t.

The DUKE OF MANCHESTER to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, March 30.—Concerning his brother Lord Charles Montagu, late Governor of S. Carolina.
Autograph letter signed. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A—8. Duke of Manchester March 30, 1773, in behalf of his Brother to succeed to Dominica.

LORD EDGECUMBE.

1773, March.—Memorandum concerning Capt. Nicholas Cox, late of the 47th, who has been in the army 32 years.
Not signed. ⅔ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—A—6. Memorandum from Lord Edgecumbe—Recommending Cap^t Cox—March 1773. V. Cor. p. 14.

The BISHOP OF ELY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, March. Monday morning. Hertford Street.
Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A—5. Bishop of Ely, March 1773, recommending M^r Powell for some Law Office in the Colonies. V. Cor. p. 16.

CHARLES SMITH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, March. London.—Is engaged in trade with America and once in two or three years takes a voyage thither to collect debts. He thus rides through the provinces of New England, New York, and Pennsylvania. Everywhere he observes a disposition which savours too much of rebellion. Advises Lord Dartmouth to read the American newspapers which can be got at the coffee-houses. These rebellious sentiments are especially prevalent in the back settlements particularly of Pennsylvania. Some 8 to 10,000 people were imported there from Ireland in one year. These settlements are composed of an uncultivated banditti on whom the lawless publications take great effect. Can the event be any other in a few years than to throw off their dependence? They are ripe for it. Suggests the need there is to cool and quiet the present tumults in New England and to choose the wisest men for governors of the different provinces.
Autograph letter signed. 3½ *pages.*

Copy of the foregoing. 6¼ *pages.*

LIEUTENANT THOMAS WEBB to LORD DARTMOUTH.

[? 1778, March or April].—Memorial. Personal injuries sustained in military service in America having necessitated his retiring on a small civil appointment, begs to assure his lordship that he is the only

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officer in this condition not promoted. Refers to Sir Jeffery Amherst, General Webb, General Monckton and other officers for testimonials of his conduct and character, and desires some post or appointment in New York.

Not autograph. 1 *large folio page.*

Endorsed:—N° 4. The Memorial of Lieu[t] Tho[s] Webb.

THOMAS MACDONOUGH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, April 3. Charles Street, Westminster.—On the difference between the minutes of the New Hampshire Council sent in March 1768 concerning the conduct of the Vice-Admiralty Court in Newfoundland and those now transmitted. This is a matter separate from any of M[r] Livius's charges.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Ex.

LIEUTENANT JOHN CARTWRIGHT to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, April 9. Marnham.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—C—11. Lieut[t] Cartwright 9 April 1773, on securing a Supply of Oak Timber.

LORD DARTMOUTH to GOVERNOR THOMAS HUTCHINSON.

1773, April 10. Whitehall.—It is vain to hope that the Council and House of Representatives will be induced to yield due obedience to the laws of Parliament. Recommends him to avoid any further discussion on the subject, and to prorogue or dissolve the General Court, should he consider it expedient.

Copy. 2½ *pages.* [Draft of this is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 174, fo. 215.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Lord Dartmouth to Governor Hutchinson dated Whitehall, 10[th] April 1773.

CALEB JO. GARBRAND to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, April 10.—When he first came from East Florida he applied himself to painting as a profession. Received a proposal from M[r] Wooldridge to take his appointments in East Florida, where he went a second time. Submits to his lordship the difficulties he has met with in getting established.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B—6. M[r] Garbrand 10 April 1773.

LORD GUERNSEY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, April 10. Saturday morning.—Recommending M[r] Franklyn to succeed the present Governor of New Hampshire.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—A—10. L[d] Guernsey 10 April 1773, recommending M[r] Francklyn.

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The Honourable Thomas Greville to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, April 13. Tuesday morning.—Hopes his brother's request will be complied with. He himself would have the greatest advantages to travel as a Lord of Trade throughout America and might fulfil any objects desired by Lord Dartmouth better than any more important person.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Hon: Mr Greville 13 April 1773.

Newspaper Cutting.

1773, April 15.—Cutting from the Public Advertiser containing another letter signed "Raleigh" addressed to the Earl of Dartmouth. Concerning a sermon lately preached by the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph. Remarks on the wisdom of Lord Dartmouth's policy touching the American colonies.

1½ *columns.*

The Reverend Doctor Eleazar Wheelock to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, April 15. Hanover.—"Right Honle Sir. May it please your Lordship. I esteem it a Singular Favor of Heaven that I may apply to your Lordship, and especially in your late dignified Capacity, with Confidence that I shall find the Ear, & Heart of a Father, while I have no other or higher motive, than the Furtherance of that cause which I am confident lies nearest your Heart, and I assure you, my Lord, it is only your well known Character, your past Condesensions, the nature and importance of the case, together with the Consciousness of the Singleness, & uprightness of my Intensions that have inspired a Boldness in my present Application to you, and which are all I have to rely upon to excuse me without any other Apology for myself. In my Letter to Your Lordship of December 28, 1772, with an Address, of a number of my Pupils on Your Lordships Advancement to the American Administration, I also enclosed two Petitions to His Majesty for the royal Favor of two Patents of his ungranted Lands in this Country containing 25,000 Acres each free of Quit Rents, the one for the use and Benefit of this School, the other for the Encouragement of Missionaries, the Support of their Widows, Education of their Children &c., and prayed that the royal Mandamus for the same might be given to the Governor of New York, whom I then understood to have the right of Granting those Lands on the west Side of this (Connecticut) River, which Lands were, 'till of late, supposed to belong to this Province, and are situate nearer to this School than any other of his Majesty's ungranted Lands, on which I designed those Patents should be laid, as being most convenient for the Purpose designed, if the Favor Should be granted, but we have lately been advised by Reports from several quarters which have gaind such credit as to occasion much joy to the Inhabitants, that his Majesty has given Orders to the Governor of New York to ratify all the former grants of those Lands made by the late Governor of this Province, and of course has vacated all the Patents of the same Lands granted by the Governor of New York which has raised a hope in all who had not a Prospect of personal advantage by those new Patents that this step is an Omen that all those controverted Lands will revert to this Province. And this is that which has given me

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Occasion to give Your Lordship this Trouble, which is humbly to bespeak your Lordships Favor to alter those Petitions, if you shall see it needful, and it be not too late, that the royal Mandamus may be to the Governor of this Province, or to either of them as Your Lordship shall see to be proper. I would also beg leave humbly to suggest to Your Lordship, the present necessities of myself & Family on account of my having no visible means of support adequate to my necessary Expences. God has graciously provided for me and mine hitherto, and has not left me or them to Suffer, nor am I yet afraid to trust him to provide for me while I have a Heart to Serve him, and he has anything for me to do for him here, yet it appears to be duty to let my case be known to Friends of Ability, while I wait upon God to perform the desire of my heart. I yet live in the little Store House which I erected for the use of the School, and which is now used for that Purpose, on which account my Family is much straitned for Room, and I am not yet able to build for myself. I am sensible that Pensions have been much confind to a Party. Yet as his Majesty has been made, in some measure, sensible of the great utility of this undertaking, to his American Dominions, and has been graciously pleased, repeatedly to testify his royal Approbation, and especially as the Hearts of all are yet in the Hands of God, I have confidence there is some hope of Relief for me by a proper Application to him for it, which I wholly submitt to your Lordship's wisdom. God is graciously pleased to continue his Loving-kindness to this School and the Prospects are yet, I think, greatly increasing, some account of which I have given the Honourable Trust, which I suppose your Lordship will See. And that God may graciously guide you by his Counsel in your high, and important Sphere of Action, and make you eminently & very extensively useful to inlarge & build up the Kingdom of his dear Son, is the earnest Prayer of him who begs leave with Sincerest Duty, Affection and Esteem to Subscribe himself Your Lordship's Most Obedient and Most Humble Servant Eleazar Wheelock."

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—1773. Dr Wheelock.

GOVERNOR LORD CHARLES GREVILLE MONTAGU to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, April 20. Bath.—Giving reasons for his sudden departure from his Government [of South Carolina]. A draft of Lord Dartmouth's answer, not dated, accompanies this letter, expressing concern at finding how much his Lordship's health and that of his family had suffered from the climate of Carolina. Had been uneasy because of the King's displeasure. However, doubts not that the Duke of Manchester's explanation of his intentions will satisfy the King.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.* *Answer* 3½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—No 5. Ld Cha. Montagu 20 April 1773, giving Reasons for his sudden Departure from his Governmt.

MINUTE of the COUNCIL of NEW YORK.

1773, April 21. Fort George, New York.—Concerning petition of the inhabitants of Spencer Town against their land being included within the line of Col. Renselaer's grant incorrectly laid down on the map.

Certified Copy. 1¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Minnets of Counsell on the Deseption Line 1t Coppy.

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JONAS BROWN to NATHANIEL CHOLMLEY.

1773, April 23.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] *Jonas Brown* to *Nath[l] Cholmley* Esq[r]. April 23[d] 1773, requesting his Interest in procuring an Office for his Son in Georgia or South Carolina. V. his Son's Letter inclosed. In A—12.

Enclosure:—

THOMAS BROWN to NATHANIEL CHOLMLEY.

1773, *April* 23, *Friday. Rose and Crown Inn, St. John Street.*—*Requesting his interest in procuring some office in one of these Provinces.*

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, April 30.—Transmits a copy of the instructions drawn up for the Cape Florida Society. Desires the grant may be communicated to the principals whenever it is ready. Visit from M[r] Bercher.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

NEWSPAPER CUTTING.

N. D. [1773, April].—Containing a Letter from "A Friend to the Community" addressed to Governor Hutchinson. Reflections upon the dispute between Great Britain and her colonies.

1½ *columns.*

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, May 4. Queens Square, Westminster.—On subject of enclosure.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to the CAPE FLORIDA SOCIETY.

Information and proposals which will be of use to them in making their intended settlement at Cape Florida.

Autograph. 12 *pages.*

WILLIAM KELLY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, May 5. Crescent.—Gives his opinion and observations upon the advisability of the introduction of corn from America.

Autograph letter signed. 8 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—C—2. M[r] Kelly May 5[th] 1773. Thoughts on American Affairs.

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BOARD OF TRADE to the KING.

1773, May 6. Whitehall.—Representation. With Names of the Persons to be inserted in the grant of lands on the Ohio.

Copy. 29¼ *pages.* [A draft of this is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, Virginia, Vol. 45A, fo. 575.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a representation of the Board of Trade to the King on the application of Messrs Walpole &c. for a grant of Lands on the Ohio &c. dated May 6, 1773.

SIR JOHN DALRYMPLE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, May 6. Vine Street, Piccadilly.—Encloses a catalogue of plants which might be carried to the new North American or West Indian settlements for cultivation and for purposes of trade. Remarks on the usefulness of the plan.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Sr J. Dalrymple May 1773. On Botany.

The ROYAL SOCIETY (by Daines Barrington, Marmaduke Tunstall and Wm Hudson) to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, May 6. Crane Court.—Requesting for Mr Livius, F.R.S., on behalf of whom they applied to his Lordship for a recommendation to the Governor of New England, a further recommendation to the Governor of New Hampshire.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Royal Society May 6, 1773.

The EARL OF SANDWICH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, May 6.—Edmund Thomas of the "Squirrell" shall be appointed to the first fifth rate that becomes vacant.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—E. of Sandwich for Edd Thomas.

JOSEPH WARD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, May 8. Massachusetts Bay, New England.—A correspondence is now established between the towns and provinces by private committees, which is to be further strengthened by committees chosen by the Houses of Representatives in all the colonies. Affairs are altering visibly and the people are almost universally determined to support an independent government unless Great Britain will confirm their liberties. Will think himself happy if his information is of any use.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Jos. Ward New Eng. 1773.

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BOARD OF TRADE to the KING.

1773, May 10. Whitehall.—Report. New Hampshire dispute.
Copy. 9⅛ *pages.* [Duplicate of this is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, New Hampshire, Vol. 10, fo. 26.]

Endorsed:—No. 6. Copy of the report of the Lords of Trade on the complaint exhibited by Peter Livius Esq^r^ against Governor Wentworth, dated May 10, 1773.

WILLIAM BOLLAN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, May 14. Southampton Street, Covent Garden.—Since his late attendance has received the enclosed letter, which, with papers transmitted, informs him of all proceedings relative to the important dispute between the Governor and the two Houses, in the late session of the General Court ending 6 March.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Bollan May 14, 1773.

Enclosures:—

1773, *March* 12. *Boston.—M^r^ Erving and others, Members of the Council of Massachusetts to William Bollan. The Governor has not concurred in their resolution. They do not know how he can be compensated without obtaining a relaxation of the instruction to the Governor on this head.*
Extract. 1⅛ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from sev^l^ members of council to M^r^ Bollan. March 12^th^ 1773.

[*About* 1773, *March* 12.]—*Several Members of the Council of Massachusetts to* [*William Bollan*]. *"The warrant for paying the regal stipends to the judges of our Superior Court being not yet arrived and perhaps not yet issued, we desire you will use your best endeavours to prevent this pernicious measure being carried into execution."*
Extract. 1⅛ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from sev^l^ members of Massachusetts council.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, May 14.—As he sincerely wishes well to his Lordship's undertaking at Cape Florida he finds this employment both a duty and an agreeable entertainment and will do his utmost to assist the settlers.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH, Member of the Royal Society.

1773, May 25.—On his philosophical and religious researches Requests his Lord ship's continued favour.
Autograph letter signed. 3½ *pages.*

Enclosure:—

Diagram of a new invented copper Athanor dedicated to the Earl of Dartmouth by William Gerard de Brahm.

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The Earl of Dunmore to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, May 25. Williamsburg.—In favour of Mr Foy his private secretary to whom he refers his Lordship for information on the subject of the clerks of the County Court, fees of commissions, and Mr Colden's affair.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—A—13. *Private* Ld Dunmore 13 (*sic*) May 1773, rec. Mr Foy.

John Williams to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, May 25, Tuesday.—Result of his considerations on appointing a new set of commissioners of the Public Revenue.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B—4. Mr Williamss, 25 May 1773. On the Commissioners of Customs, No. America.

B. Roberts to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, May 27. Kings Bench.—His necessitous situation. Recounts his services among the Indians in America since 1759. Difficulties to which he has been subjected with regard to his salary. Is assured that if the King knew of his sufferings he would not permit the friend of Sir William Johnson so long to languish in confinement.

Autograph letter signed. 8 *pages.*

George Clement to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, May 29. At the Bunn House, Field Gate, Whitechapel.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B—16. Mr Clement May 1773. Representing his great Distress, and desiring some Employment.

Major Henry Basset, 10th Regt, to Lord Scarsdale.

1773, June 1. Detroit.—Death of Mrs Basset. Entreats his Lordship's assistance in favour of his children. Has taken three Indians who have killed some traders.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—to Ld Scarsdale.

Sir Charles Thompson to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, June 1. Old Bond Street.—Recommending Captain Sinclair for an appointment in Pennsylvania, the Jerseys, New York or the New England provinces.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A—15. Sir Charles Thompson Old Bond Street, June 1st 1773, recommending Capt. Sinclair. V. Cor. p. 16. Ent.

[Lord Dartmouth] to Governor Thomas Hutchinson.

[1773, about June 2.]—Transmits copy of his letter to Dr Franklin [of 2 June 1773], in consequence of Dr Franklin having presented to him the Remonstrance and Petition of the late House of Representatives

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of 14 July 1772 to the King and their Petition of 6 March last. Instructions how to proceed with the present House of Representatives. Whenever they think fit to establish permanently competent salaries for the Judges, His Majesty will withdraw the allowances at present made and will grant their commissions during good behaviour. He will also permit his Governor to receive his salary from the province provided that it be not less than 2,000 per annum.

Draft in Pownall's hand. 3½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Dft to Govr Hutchinson.

Instructions to American Governors.

Submitted to the King by the Board of Trade [3 June 1773].—Draft of Additional Instructions to the Governors of His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America.

13¼ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Drat of Instructions for disposal of Lands in America.

Colonel Howard to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, June 3, Thursday morning.—Note. Sending the enclosed.

Autograph, third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—No 6. Col. Howard, concernᵍ Gen. Bradstreet 3d June, 1773.

Enclosure:—

Memorandum concerning Major General Bradstreet's case. That he had laid out seven thousand pounds, etc.

Autograph. 1¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—M. Genl Bradstreet's Case, in a Note from Col. Howard.

Mr Williamos to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, June 4, Friday morning. St. James's Place.—Submits the advisability of establishing an office of Inspector General of the sales and grants of land, of the Receiver General's accounts and of the Surveyor General's offices in North America, which office he would endeavour to discharge with satisfaction.

Autograph, third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Mr Williamos, 4 June 1773. In B—4.

Samuel Kirkland to [. . . . possibly Dr. Wheelock.]

1773, June 7. Onvide.—"I bless God for friendship, & the hope of its being perfected in the world above." Apologises for not writing. Has been collecting materials during the winter and spring for building a church and too much engaged in promoting the temporal accommodation of his people. His proposed narrative of the five Nations he has thrown by for the present. He has attended considerably to translating the Scriptures, which he ought to have pursued and neglected less weighty matters. "Last Monday, we erected our Church 35 Feet in Length, 18 feet post—a Gallary at one End. The Indians with my

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Assistance got most of the Timber. I hired a Carpenter and two hewers several weeks—the house was raised by the Indians without the help of white people. Several small Towns of Indians assembled in the Morning to implore the Divine Blessing. . . . . The whole was conducted with Decency beyond my most sanguine Expectations—not one either Man or Woman was the least disguised with strong Liquor, nor asked for any more than was given them. Upon a petition from the people Sir Wm. Johnson has given a Bell. I hope if Things go on well to erect a Steeple & finish a House by next Summer." The people improve much in husbandry and are inspired with an ambition for comfortable dwelling houses. "Two are already set up 35 by 18 feet seven or eight more are upon the Work. I have furnished them with a number of Carpenters tools for which I expect some allowance from the Boston Board." Council held by the Indians at Onondago. Their disposition for war seems to abate and their affairs are well settled for this season.

Autograph letter signed. 3⅔ *pages.*

Note.—Samuel Kirkland, though not of Indian blood, had been one of the scholars in Dr. Wheelock's Indian Charity School. He was ordained in 1766, and spent his life amongst the Indians. See his Life by Rev. S. K. Lothrop, Sparks' Biographies.

The Duke of Manchester to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, June 8. Huntingdon.—On behalf of his brother the late Governor of South Carolina. Recounts the expenses incurred by him in consequence of his appointment to that government.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 10. D. of Manchester June 1773.

Governor William Tryon to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, June 8. New York.—On the subject of the enclosures, which concern the mandamus granted to Charles De Friedenberg.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—New York June 8th 1773. Governor Tryon. R/ 9th June.

Enclosure:—

Surveyor-General Alexander Colden to Governor William Tryon.

1773, *May* 5. *New York.—Returns enclosures.*

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—In Govr Tryon's of 8th *June* 1773.

Enclosures:—

1769, *May* 24. *Fort George, New York.—Minutes of Council.*

Copy, certified by Goldsbrow Banyar 5 *May* 1773. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed:—New York 5th *May* 1773. *State of the Proceedings on his Majesty's Order of the* 11th *January* 1769 *to grant* 30,000 *Acres of Land to Charles De Freudenbergh Esqr. In Govr Tryon's of* 8th *June* 1773.

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Enclosures—cont.

1773, *May* 5. *Surveyor-General's Office, Province of New York.—Report of Surveyor-General Alexander Colden to Governor William Tryon.*
Autograph. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—New York May 5th 1773 *Alexander Colden Surveyor Gen. Report of his proceedings on a Warr*t *of Survey Issued by his Late Excellency Sir Henry Moore to Survey and Lay out for Charles de Fredenberg Esq*r *the quantity of* 30,000 *Acres of Land on the West Side of Lake Champlain. In Gov*r *Tryon's of* 8th *June* 1773.

B. Roberts to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, June 9.—Gives account of the means by which he gained his influence amongst the Indians and other interesting information respecting them.
Autograph letter signed. 7¾ *pages.*
Endorsed:—In C—17.

Testimonial to Joseph Ward.

1773, June 10. Portsmouth, New Hampshire.—Samuel Langdon, D.D. Certificate of the character and loyalty of Joseph Ward.
Autograph. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed (on a wrapper covering also Dr Haven's certificate of the 13th):—Testimonials of Dr Sl Langdon and Dr Sl Haven, in behalf of Mr Jo. Ward. In B—22.

Charles Garth to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, June 12. Devizes.—Concerning the distressed situation of the Government and affairs in South Carolina in consequence of a tax bill being rejected by the Council.
Autograph letter signed. 2⅔ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—No 4. Ch. Garth Esqr 12 June 1773.

Adam Wood to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, June 12. Great Titchfield Street.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—B—10. Ad. Wood Esqr June 1773. Soliciting an Appointment in the New Govt upon the Ohio.

Testimonial to Joseph Ward.

1773, June 13. Portsmouth, Province of New Hampshire.—Samuel Haven D.D. Certificate testifying to the character of Joseph Ward from personal acquaintance.
Autograph. 1 *quarto page.*
(For endorsement see Doctor Langdon's certificate of 10 June.)

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The Reverend William Gordon to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, June 16. Jamaica Plain.—Present sentiments of the Americans concerning his Lordship. Congratulates him on having escaped the difficulties that must have followed had a discovery been made by the court of inquiry at Rhode Island of any concerned in the business of the "Gaspee," and had any attempt been made to take the accused to Great Britain for trial. Such an event would have "set the continent into a fresh flame," especially since the Act of Parliament making it death to destroy any of the King's ships, stores, etc. and authorising the trial in Great Britain. "The affair of the Judges, the court of inquiry, and the act, have led the house of burgesses in Virginia to set on foot *committees of correspondence* through the several colonies. . . . All open attempts from home to put a stop to them will only convince the country of their importance . . . & hasten a kind of congress." Admiral Montagu has said "that British Acts of Parliament will never go down in America, unless forced by the point of the sword." His own opinion that Government should take things back as far as possible to the state they were in at his Majesty's accession. The Lieutenant-Governor by broaching afresh and supporting through the former assembly the anti-American doctrine of the parliament's right in *all* cases has given disgust to the public, not lessened by the fact that the Massachusetts House of Assembly have possessed themselves of original private letters written by his Excellency and others years ago to M[r] Weattly [Whately], which they have voted "had a tendency to overthrow the constitution of the country and to introduce arbitrary power" so that neither the house nor the body of the people will have any "confidence in or value for the writers." If a change in the government should be made suggests Wm. Pepperrell. The Bishop of St. Asaph's sermon is highly approved. Should there be a war with France fear may be entertained for Canada. P.S.—The committee considering these letters has resolved to petition His Majesty for the removal of the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor.

Autograph letter signed. With seal (broken). 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—Rev. M[r] Gordon June 1773.

Duplicate of the foregoing. *Autograph signed letter.*

Thomas Danforth, Jr., to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, June 17. New England Coffee House.

Autograph letter signed 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—B—5 M[r] Tho. Danforth Jun[r] of Boston, June 17, 1773. Inclosing a Memorial, and praying for some Office in the Mass. Bay.

Again endorsed:—M[r] Danforth Jun[r] of Boston, 1773.

Enclosure:—

Memorial and Petition to Lord Dartmouth.

Original signed. 2⅔ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Memorial of M[r] Tho[s] Danforth of Boston, requesting some office in the Mass. Bay. In B—5.

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LORD HYDE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, June 18.—Sending the "enclosed voluminous packet." *Autograph, third person.* ½ *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON to LORD HYDE.

1778, *April* 30. *New York.—Respecting the enclosures. Asks for some solid reward for his services.*
Autograph letter signed. 2 *folio pages.*

Enclosures:—

Journal of Governor William Tryon's Expedition against the Insurgents in the Western Frontiers of North Carolina, begun 20 *April and continued to* 21 *June* 1771.
Signed. In stiff cover. 51½ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—N° 1. *Gov^r Tryon's Journal of his Expedition against the Insurgents of North Carolina, in* 1771, *R[from Lord Hyde, June* 18^th^ 1773.

1771, *May* 1 *to June* 20.—*Orderly Book of Governor William Tryon's Expedition against the Insurgents of North Carolina. With Return of the Army whilst encamped at Hermon Husbands on Sandy Creek* 22 *May* 1771.
In red morocco cover. 95 *octavo pages and* 1 *sheet.* [*Duplicate of this is in the Public Record Office, Series America and West Indies, Vol.* 218, *fo.* 379, *having been sent by Governor Tryon to Lord Hillsborough* 2 *August* 1771 *in despatch N°* 78. *The Return of the army, sent in the following despatch N°* 79, 14 *December* 1771, *is in Vol.* 219, *fo.* 10.]
Endorsed (on a wrapper):—N° 2. *Military Orders given by Gov^r Tryon in his Expedition against the Insurgents of N° Carolina, in* 1771.

Governor William Tryon. A state of the salary and whole Emoluments of the Government of New York (exclusive of his Fees on Patents for Grants of Land) from the 5^th^ *day of April* 1772 *to the* 5^th^ *of April* 1773. *The total amount is* 2,401*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.*
Signed. 1 *folio page.*

Plan of the Camp and Battle of Alamance the 16 *May* 1771. *Between the Provincials of North Carolina Commanded by His Excellency Governor Tryon, and Rebels who styled themselves Regulators. Surveyed and drawn by C. J Sauthier.*
1 *sheet.*

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LORD D[ARTMOUTH] to THOMAS CUSHING.

1773, June 19. St. James's Square.—Private and Confidential. Has laid the petitions from Massachusetts before the King and has signified to D^r Franklin the commands received from his Majesty thereupon. Desires he will thank the Assembly for their favourable sentiments expressed about himself. Is concerned at the unhappy spirit which has lately prevailed in Massachusetts Bay. Gives his opinion on acts lately passed; also upon the wild and extravagant doctrines contained in the answer of the Massachusetts Assembly to the speech of the Governor at the opening of the late session of the General Court.

Draft. Part in Lord Dartmouth's hand. 8 *pages.* [*See* B. F. Stevens's Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America.]

Endorsed:—Ex.

A fair draft of the foregoing.

Endorsed:—N° 10. Dra^t to Thomas Cushing Esq. St. James's Square, June 19^th 1773. *Private* and *Confidential.*

The REVEREND DOCTOR G. BERKELEY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, June 20. Canterbury.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev. D^r Berkeley June 20^th 1773, in behalf of the Rev. M^r Symonds.

B. ROBERTS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, June 21, Monday.—Sends some Indian trinkets of which he begs his Lordship's acceptance.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

JOSEPH WARD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, June 26. Boston, Massachusetts Bay.—The system for a commonwealth in America seems by every appearance to be ripening fast. Suggests means by which the various and distinct parts of this great empire can be held together under present circumstances.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Boston 26^th June 1773. M^r Ward. R/ 14 August. In B—22.

CHARLES WRIGHT to SIR P. MUSGRAVE.

1773, June 28. Admiralty Office.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B—8. M^r Wright to S^r P. Musgrave 28^th June 1773. Soliciting an Appointment in the Admty. Office.

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WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, June 29. Queen's Square, Westminster.—Gives the answer he returned to the enclosed letter from Mr Bercher concerning land granted to the Cape Florida Society. Remarks in connection therewith. Advises them not to ask for more land.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Enclosure:—

DANIEL BERCHER to WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM.

1773, *June* 28. *Harley Street, Cavendish Square.—Account of a meeting of the Directors of the Cape Florida Society. They think that* 20 *heads of families are not sufficient to make a settlement and that* 25 *or* 30 *would be better; this necessitates more land. Would be glad if his Lordship would add another* 2,000 *acres to the* 6,000 *already granted.*
Autograph letter signed. 2½ *pages. In French.*

The EARL OF ROCHFORD to [LORD DARTMOUTH.]

1773, June 29. Berkley Square.—If he is not "particularly engaged with regard to the government of the Ohio," desires to recommend Mr. Stanton.
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

The BOARD OF TRADE to the LORDS COMMITTEE of COUNCIL for PLANTATION AFFAIRS.

1773, July 1. Whitehall.—Report. On consideration of the petition of Msj. Gen. Bradstreet for confirmation of a tract of 300,000 acres purchased by him from the Indians, it is found the proceeding of the purchase of such a large tract by a private person cannot be reconciled with the spirit and intent of the King's Instructions; at the same time the services and character of the petitioner recommend him to the bounty and munificence of His Majesty.
Draft. 7½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—New York. Report to the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs on the petition of Major General John Bradstreet. July 1, 1773. Entd.

The MASSACHUSETTS GAZETTE and BOSTON WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

1773, July 1, Thursday.—No. 3,639. Part only, containing, amongst other items, an article signed "Philalethes," a message from the Council to the Governor 24th June, Report of the Committee 25 June upon the letters of Governor Hutchinson and Lieutenant Governor Oliver, and Resolutions.
2 printed pages.

THOMAS IRVING to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, July 2. Hay Market.—Concerning the enclosed letter.
Autograph letter signed. 1⅓ *pages.*
Endorsed:—Irving, Inspector Gen. of Imports.

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Enclosure :—

THOMAS IRVING to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, *July* 2. *London.—Account of his services in Boston as Inspector General of Imports. Was obliged to leave that place in consequence of the resentment of an enraged and disappointed faction. Has made various applications for redress but hitherto without success. Reasons for desiring an exchange with Sir Charles Burdet of Florida.*
Autograph letter signed. 2 pages.

J. H. LIVINGSTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, July 2. New York.—On behalf of the Dutch Church of New York.
Original signed. 2 pages. [*See* B. F. Stevens's Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America.]

Endorsed :—N° 8. Dutch Church of N. York. Letter of Thanks & Congratulation July 2d 1773.

DUTCH CHURCH of NEW YORK to the KING.

1773, July 2.—Address signed by J. H. Livingston p : t: præses.
Original. 2 pages. [*See* B. F. Stevens's Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America.]

Endorsed :—To the Kings most Excellent Majesty. An address of Thanks from the Minister Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York, for the Royal Remission of the Quit Rent for the Township of Leyden in the County of Gloucester & Province of New York.

LIEUTENANT THOMAS WEBB to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, July 2. Burlington.—Has searched in the Secretary's office at Burlington and found a grant on record to Henry Salter for 10,000 acres in Fenwick colony. Mrs. Hayne has to prove her father heir to the said Henry Salter and the estate is without doubt hers. Reminds his Lordship of his memorial and hopes he will not be forgotten if any vacancy happens in Boston, New York, the Jerseys or Pennsylvania.
Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed :—N° 4. Mr Webb Burlington N. Jersey 2d July, 1773. On Mrs Haynes's Claim of Lands.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, July 5. Queens Square, Westminster.—Anxiety of the Cape Florida Society to have matters brought to an issue. They desire to take labourers with them but can secure them only by giving them a share of land. Necessity for their obtaining their last request from his Lordship.
Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—1773. Mr De Brahm.

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Enclosures:—

Map of Cape Florida drawn by William Gerard de Brahm showing the situation of the Earl of Dartmouth's land.
Original. 1 sheet.

1773, *June* 30. *London.—Letter from, apparently, the Cape Florida Society to William Gerard de Brahm. Concerning the difficulties connected with their obtaining the further grant of* 2,000 *acres.*
Original not signed. 1 *quarto page. French. With seal.*

Proposal and Plan "Pour formé une colonie sociale de bon et habiles Agriculteurs sur les Dommaines d'Amerique de Mylord Dartmouth, situé au Cap Florida sur le Golphe Sandwich."
Original not signed.

The Massachusetts Gazette and Boston Weekly News Letter.

1773, July 8. Thursday.—N° 3640. Part only. Containing, amongst other items, titles of various Acts passed in the last session of the General Court and an article signed "Philalethes."
2 *printed pages.*

The Earl of Dunmore to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, July 10. Williamsburg.—Account of what he has done in behalf of M^r^ Prior.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—E. of Dunmore July 10, 1773.

B. Roberts to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, July 10.—Requesting to be appointed Commissary, Superintendent &c. among the Indians.
Autograph letter signed. 7 *quarto pages.*

Captain Samuel Hood to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, July 11. Catherington by Petersfield.—The successor to his command of the squadron in North America has been paid 1,500*l.* for his expenses at Boston. Thinks he will appear equally entitled to Royal favour. Refers to a memorial presented by him to the King. Craves his support with reference to the enclosed.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—N° 38. Capt^n^ Hood. July 11^th^ 1773, with a Memorial to the King.

Enclosure:—

Memorial to the King, beginning, "That your Memorialist has been in your Majestys Sea Service, Thirty three years."
Autograph copy. 3 *pages.*
Endorsed:—Memorial of Capt. Hood to the King, praying to succeed as Colonel in the Marines.

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The Massachusetts Gazette and Boston Weekly News Letter.

1773, July 15. Thursday.—N° 3641. Part only. Containing, amongst other items, a further Article signed "Philalethes."
2 *printed pages.*

Captain Gavin Cochrane to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, July 19. Edinburgh.
Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—B—9 Capt. Cochran July 19, 1773. Applying for Lands at Crown Point.

Lord Dartmouth to Lord Robert Spencer.

1773, July 22.—Will make immediate inquiry into the state of the Council of South Carolina, and order M^r Bull's name to be put down to be recommended.
Autograph draft. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—N° 13. Df^t to L^d Rob^t Spencer 22^d July 1773.

The Massachusetts Gazette and Boston Weekly News Letter.

1773, July 22. Thursday.—N° 3642. Containing, amongst other items, another Article signed "Philalethes."
2 *printed pages.*

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, July 23. Queens Square, Westminster.—The injustice to which he has been subjected with reference to his appointment in East Florida.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Ex.

William Gerard de Brahm to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, July 23. Queens Square, Westminster.—Is informed that the (Cape Florida) Society is only stopped for power to make out sufficient lots to give as encouragements to their servants. Acquaints him of this in order that his Lordship's pleasure may be known as soon as convenient.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

The Duke of Argyll to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, July 24. Inverary.—Desiring leave for Lord William Campbell to come to England before taking possession of the Government of South Carolina.
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—N° 12. D. of Argyle 24 July 1773. Desiring Leave for L^d W^m Campbell to come to England.

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The Honourable Daines Barrington to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, July 26.—Sending the enclosed.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—The Hon^ble^ Daines Barrington 26 July 1773. Relative to American Plants, &c.

Enclosure:—

Prince Masserano (Spanish Ambassador to England) to Mr. C. Morton.

1773, *April* 30. *Aranjuez.—Desires he will express his thanks to the Royal Society. Has procured orders from the King (of Spain) that the Royal Society should receive from his American dominions any productions called for provided a return is allowed of any natural curiosities of his Britannic Majesty's dominions.*

Translation. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Prince Masserano to D^r^ Morton, Aranjuez 30 *April* 1773.

The Duke of Manchester to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, July 26. Kimbolton Castle.—His brother's health is re-established and he can wait upon his Lordship when convenient.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—N° 11. D. of Manchester July 1773.

Sir Sydney Stafford Smythe, Chief Baron of the Exchequer, to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, July 29. Chelmsford.—Recommending Captain Cox for some employment in the new settlement on the Ohio or as collector or comptroller of the Customs in any of the ports in America.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A—19 L^d^ Ch: Baron Smythe. July 1773, recom. Cap. Cox.

Lord Robert Spencer to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, July 29. De la pré (?).—Receipt of letter; returns thanks.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—L^d^ Rob. Spencer 29 July 1773. In N° 13, Domestic.

Governor Thomas Pownall to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, July.—With a newspaper cutting of six lines which states that M^r^ Pownall has accepted the Government of New England. Cannot account for the above paragraph getting into the newspaper. For many months has cautiously avoided talking of America and has risked the good opinion of his friends there by suspending all correspondence.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 14. Gov^r^ Pownall July 1773

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The Honourable Daines Barrington to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, August 1. King's Bench Walks.—Will do his best to contrive that a small collection of natural productions be prepared to be sent to the King of Spain. The Royal Society will require his Lordship's further protection with regard to the expense which will be incurred in preserving specimens that may come from America or elsewhere.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Hon. D. Barrington 1 Aug. 1773.

[ ] to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, August 2. London.—A letter signed "Fact." On the objectionable paragraphs which appear in the newspapers, particularly in the Public Advertiser. These are concerted by Mr Temple, Lieutenant Governor of New Hants, assisted by Mr Lee. Confidential letters of Hutchinson, Oliver and Paxton to the late Mr Whately were procured immediately after his death by Temple from Whately's brother, a banker in Lombard Street; they were sent to persons in Boston who kept them until an opportunity offered for laying them before the Assembly. The paragraphs which recommend that some one be sent out as a grand reconciler and umpire between Great Britain and the Colonies, come from Governor Pownall, but the taunting sneering paragraphs and letters come from Mr Temple.

Original. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Fact. 2 Aug. 1773.

Enclosure:—

Newspaper cutting containing a letter signed "An American" and addressed to Lord Dartmouth. His Lordship was designed for private not for public station. He has been rashly prevailed upon to undertake the superintendence of American affairs at a time when they were hourly hastening to a most unfortunate catastrophe. Lord Hillsborough foresaw this and prudently retired. Remarks on the scandalous manner in which the Americans have been traduced as appears by the disclosure of the letters of Messrs Hutchinson and Oliver.

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Caleb J. Garbrand to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, August 2.—Is now fully aware of the impropriety of the manner in which Mr Wooldridge proposed to dispose of his civil employments in East Florida, but was ignorant at the time he made it. A foolish transaction of Mr Wooldridge's in the West Indies makes him fear that he will be unable to pay him the money he owes. Desires his Lordship's protection in enabling him to return to East Florida to take up the civil employments held by Mr Wooldridge.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr. Garbrand 1 (*sic.*) Aug. 1773. In B—6.

Lord Hyde to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, August 5. The Grove.—Should the government of New Hampshire or the surveyorship of woods in America become vacant Colonel Howard would be glad of either appointment.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A—23. Ld Hyde Aug. 1773. Coll Howard.

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The Massachusetts Gazette and Boston Weekly News Letter.

1773, August 5. Thursday.—Part only. Containing, amongst other items, another article signed "Philalethes."

2 printed pages.

Endorsed (on a wrapper covering also the Gazettes of 1, 15, *and* 22 *July)*:—N° 13. Defence of Gov^r Hutchinson's Letters. August 1773.

John Stuart to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, August 5. Charles Town.—On behalf of his brother Lieutenant Patrick Stuart of the "Centeaur." Desires his Lordship's good offices with Lord Sandwich in his favour.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—J. Stuart Esq^r Charles Town 5 Aug. 1773.

Grey Cooper to William Gerard de Brahm.

1773, August 6. Treasury Chambers.—Desiring he will attend the Treasury Board on Thursday next.

Autograph, third person. ½ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—M^r Cooper.

C[harlotte], Countess of Dunmore, to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, August 10. Berkley Street.—On behalf of Captain Foy who went to America with Lord Dunmore as secretary while at New York, whence he accompanied him to Virginia. A vacancy has happened in the naval office at New York by the death of M^r Williams. If his Lordship would confer this on Captain Foy, Lord and Lady Dunmore would feel essentially obliged.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Css. of Dunmore Aug. 1773 *Cap. Foy.*

Governor Thomas Pownall to [Lord Dartmouth].

1773, August 10. Chesterford.—He has seen Lord North. His Lordship and Lord North have only to decide how his services can be most usefully employed.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 15. Gov^r Pownall 10 Aug. 1773.

Peter Duval to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, August 11. Hackney.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B—19. M^r P. Duval 13 Aug. 1773, requesting an Office in N° America.

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SIR WILLIAM DRAPER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, August 12. George Street, Hanover Square.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—A—24. S[r] W. Draper 12 Aug. 1773, recommending M[r] Delancey to be Naval Officer of New York.

DENNIS DE BERDT to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, August 14. London.—Thanks for effectual service in his affair with the House of Representatives at Boston. Wishes to know if he would care to be concerned with his brother-in-law in some shares for land in the Jersey Society. M[r] Reed is ambitious of opening a correspondence with his Lordship.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—C—7. M[r] De Berdt, 12 (*sic*) Aug. 1773 on American Lands.

JOHN THORNTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, August 14. Clapham.—Encloses (not here) a duplicate of what he had previously sent. The greatest difficulty in America appears to lie in the exasperation of both sides. Desirability of removing persons that are so obnoxious to the province. Surely a steady, considerate, and judicious governor might be found who would have the good of the province at heart. Lady Huntingdon has requested the Reverend M[r] Piercy to come over to consult with her about the Orphan House. An Irish lottery in consideration to raise 300,000*l.* Irish.
Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

GEORGE RICE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, August 15. Windsor Castle.—In favour of Captain Foy for whom application has been made for the post of naval officer in New York.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—G. Rice Esq[r] 1773, Aug. *Cap. Foy.*

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, August 16. At M[rs] Smith near Queens place Westminster.—On the subject of the salary due to him. Offer made by Governor Tonyn to settle his affairs. Desires to be restored to the provincial office and to return to the execution of the general surveys by his Lordship's order.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] De Brahm 16 Aug. 1773.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to [ ].

1773, August 18. At M[rs] Smith 2[d] door South of Queens Place Westminster.—Possibly to M[r] Pownall. Finds some members of the [Cape Florida] Society intend to call upon him with M[r] Stokes. Encloses

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these copies as they may be necessary for conversation, otherwise would have sent them to his Lordship.

Autograph letter signed. ½ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—East Florida Society.

Enclosures:—

DANIEL BERCHER to [WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM].

1773, *August* 18.—*On the subject of the terms under which it has been arranged that the land in East Florida should be granted to the Society. Insists that they are not suitable for a Society of free persons who are risking their lives and fortunes Intimates that De Brahm's object is to discourage the plan.*

Copy. 2⅓ *pages. In French.*

[WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM] to DANIEL BERCHER.

1773, *August* 9.—*Is sorry he has been induced to believe the grant disadvantageous with regard to its tenor. Remarks on the quit rent and the generosity of the terms.*

Copy. 1 *page.*

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to the [CAPE FLORIDA] SOCIETY.

1773, *August* 18.—*Defending himself against Mr Bercher's misrepresentations concerning the grant and terms upon which it is made.*

Autograph copy. 1⅔ *pages.*

LORD CRAGGS CLARE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, August 18. Gosfield.—In favour of Captain Foy who has been recommended by Lord Dunmore to the late naval officer's post at New York.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Ld Clare Aug. 1773. *Cap. Foy.*

JOHN WODDROP to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, August 18, Wednesday. Tolbrook Glasgow.—Is imprisoned on account of a debt of £10 he owes James McCall because he will not renounce to him his right and title to some lands in Virginia. Account of the injustice he has met with from him.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—John Woddrop Glasgow Aug. 18, 1773.

WILLIAM BOLLAN and DOCTOR B. FRANKLIN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, August 20. Southampton Street, Covent Garden.—Transmitting the enclosed letter.

Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Mr Bollan 20 Aug. 1773.

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Enclosure:—

MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL and ASSEMBLY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

June 29. *Province of Massachusetts Bay.—Signed Thomas Flucker, Secretary.* "*The original causes of the interruption in the union that formerly subsisted between Great Britain and her colonies may probably be found in the letters sent from hence to Administration and to other gentlemen of influence in Parliament, since the appointment of Sir Francis Bernard to the Government of the province.*" *Apprehend that he and his coadjutors laid the plans for the establishment of the American revenue and have since prevented the petitions against it from reaching both King and Parliament. They are of opinion that if things were brought to the general state in which they stood at the conclusion of the late war it would restore the harmony which at that time existed.*

3⅓ *pages.* [*Duplicate of this is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol.* 174, *fo.* 719.]

CAPE FLORIDA SOCIETY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, August 20. London.—Signed by James Samuel Loup, J. Jam[s] Bonhole, Daniel Bercher and Henry Dessoulavy, intended Directors. Cannot discover in the draft of grant of 8,000 acres drawn up for Lord Dartmouth by the agent, M[r] De Brahm, any sign of his Lordship's benevolence. Are thankful they are provided with a sufficient quantity of common sense to distinguish the real and generous intentions of his Lordship from the oppressive disposition of the agent.

Letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Enclosure:—

Objections made to the draft copy of a grant of 8,000 *acres of land in East Florida (delivered by William Gerard de Brahm) said to be by order and with the approbation of the Earl of Dartmouth. With Terms and Conditions which the grantees take the liberty to offer the Earl of Dartmouth.*

Original. 3 *pages.*

MARY HAYNS or Hayne to [LORD DARTMOUTH.]

1773, August 21. London.—Concerning the will of her father M[r] Richard Salter, which, or a copy of which, she requests he will endeavour to procure.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—M[rs] Hayne Aug. 1773.]

THOMAS CUSHING to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, August 22. Boston.—Thanks his Lordship for the communication of his sentiments in his letter of 19 June. Gives an account of the manner in which the controversy between the Governor and the Assembly arose. Observations respecting the temper and disposition of the gentlemen who composed the late House of Representatives. Thanks

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his Lordship for the assurance of his aid and support to any temperate representation of grievances that the province may make. Hopes that the letter of the two Houses to his Lordship of 29 June will answer that purpose. Submits whether it would not be eligible for Parliament to take up American affairs upon their own principle without any apparent attention to the applications made by the Americans for redress.

Autograph letter signed. 5¾ *pages.* [Reproduced in B. F. Stevens's Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America.]

Endorsed :—N° 11. M^r^ Cushing Boston 22 Aug. 1773.

Duplicate of the foregoing.

The Earl of Rochford to [Lord Dartmouth.]

1773, August 26.—On the subject of enclosure. Did a great deal of business for him yesterday at the Council. Everything goes on quietly, hopes they will not meet the Parliament as soon as was expected.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed :—L^d^ Rochford 26 Aug. 1773 w^th^ Col. Prevost's Memorial.

Enclosure :—

Lieutenant Colonel Augustine Prevost to the King.

Memorial. Relinquished his post to Haldimand in 1755, *and in* 1762 *was sent to take possession of Pensacola. On Haldimand's succeeding Lieutenant General Gage he hoped to have been appointed in his room. In the case of Lieutenant Governor Colonel Dalling being promoted desires to succeed him.*

Not signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Reverend William Gordon to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, August 28. Jamaica Plain.—Sends intelligence of the measures likely to be taken by the Assembly at their next sessions. Remarks upon his Lordship's letter to Doctor Franklin which he has seen. Though the King acting consistently could not but disapprove of calling into question the right of Parliament to make laws binding in America in all cases whatsoever yet the prevailing sentiment is that the British legislature has not that right. Was grieved "that his Lordship's letter should suggest, that the doctrines held forth in the petitions and remonstrance, might be owing *to the artifices of a few who seek to create jealousy and distrust;* for individuals though not intended might think themselves aimed at . . . . and have their minds soured into a stiffer opposition to all healing measures," and without the concurrence and assistance of such individuals no measures are likely to be adopted. Thinks there should be a petition for the removal of complaints. Their politicians depend much on the correspondence set on foot by the Virginians and on the apprehension of a French war for an opportunity of insisting on an equivalent to a bill of rights. Would like to know if a petition would be supported in Parliament as he might be able to promote and procure such a one.

Autograph letter signed. With seal (broken). 1 *page.*

Endorsed :—Rev^d^ M^r^ Gordon 28 Aug. 1773.

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WILLIAM WHATELY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, August 30. Lombard Street.—Has endeavoured, hitherto fruitlessly, to find out by what means the letters written to his late brother by Governor Hutchinson, Mr Oliver and others fell into the hands of the Bostonians. In the month of October last Mr Temple applied to him saying that he wished to see a paper relative to the colonies transmitted to his late brother and also a letter written by him (Mr Temple). In perfect confidence he laid before him various parcels of letters and after some time spent in search Mr Temple acquainted him that he could not find his own letter nor anything relating to it. On receiving recently Mr Oliver's communication as to the publication of the letters he immediately went to Mr Temple and said to him that he was the only person who had had access to them. Mr Temple assured him in the frankest manner and in precise terms that he had not taken away the letters, and indeed had seen so little of importance that he did not even take any extract or memorandum. The matter gives him deep and anxious concern both as regards his brother's memory and his own character.

Autograph letter signed. 3¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr W. Whateley 30 Aug. 1773. Relative to the Letters of Govr Hutchinson &c. published at Boston.

Note.—In connection with this subject and the resulting duel between Whately and Temple, *see* Sparks's Works of Franklin, Vol. IV., page 105, "An Account of the Transactions relating to Governor Hutchinson's Letters." Franklin, writing to the Printer of the Public Advertiser, says:—"Mr W[hately] could not communicate them, because they were never in his possession; and, for the same reason, they could not be taken from him by Mr T[emple]," p. 435.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, August 31. At Mrs Smith, Queens Place Westminster.—Refers to enclosures. His own affairs. Has been paid his salary. Deplores that his grievances have been left so long to a Governor who only contemplates his ruin.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *pages.*

Enclosures:—

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to the PRESIDENT of the (Cape Florida) SOCIETY

1773, *July* 30.—*Expresses Lord Dartmouth's good wishes with reference to the grant he is making the Society. Governor Tonyn has promised to afford his protection and assistance.*

Autograph letter signed. ¾ *page.*

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to DANIEL BERCHER.

1773, *August* 9.—[*See duplicate above enclosed in letter of* 18 *August.*]

Autograph copy signed. 1⅓ *pages.*

DANIEL BERCHER to WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM.

1773, *August* 18. *No.* 44 *Harley Street.*

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 2 *pages. French.*

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Enclosures—cont.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to the [CAPE FLORIDA] SOCIETY.

1773, *August* 18.—[*See duplicates of both these above in De Brahm's letter of* 18 *August.*]
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *pages.*

LORD DARTMOUTH to the [CAPE FLORIDA] SOCIETY.

1773, September 1. Sandwell.—In answer to a letter signed by Mr Loup and others containing their objections to the terms of the grant. The draft given them by De Brahm was drawn up by Lord Dartmouth's instructions who thought he had exactly adhered to the plans and proposals of the Society. Some things are now expected of him with which it is not in his power to comply. The whole project may be dropped or the draft may be settled between his lawyer, Mr Wilmot, and their own.
Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *quarto pages.*

MAJOR GAVIN COCHRANE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, September 2. London.—Refers to his application for lands at Crown Point. Would like to know how his Lordship received it.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Majr Cochran 2 Sep. 1773. In B—9.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL THOMAS DESBRISAY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, September 4.—Dublin.
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—No 4. Lt Col. Desbrisay Sepr 1773 respecting Lands, and desiring to succeed to the Lt Govt of the Mass. Bay, in case of a Vacancy.

[ ] to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, September 4.—A letter signed "Fact." Concerning the contents of the enclosed newspaper. The intelligence extraordinary is the production of Mr Temple as are other sneering paragraphs scattered through the daily newspapers.
Original. 2 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Fact, Sepr 4, 1473.

Enclosure:—

1773, *September* 4. *Saturday.*—*The Public Advertiser* No 11976.
4 *printed pages.*

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

[1773, September 6, about.]—Acknowledges the interest taken by his Lordship in his affairs. Observations relative to the Cape Florida Society. Has many times thought they meant to desist. Hears Mr Wooldridge is arrived. Remarks relative to the enclosed letter from Mr Peyer Imhoff.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *pages.*

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Enclosures :—

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to MR. LOUP.

1773, *September* 6. *Monday morning.—Transmits a letter received from Lord (Dartmouth).*
Autograph copy. Third person. ½ page.
Endorsed :—Copy to Mr Loup.

J. L. PEYER IM HOFF to [WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM].

1773, *July* 15. *James Island, South Carolina.—The reason Mr Roux did not go to East Florida was because he heard there was no settlement at the Gulf of Sandwich. His death. Fresh orders sent to Governors concerning granting lands. Fears that the grant in East Florida may come under the new regulations. Would the* 6,000 *acres for Mr Roux be transferred to his family? His (De Brahm's) friends desire very much to see him.*
Autograph letter signed. 2½ quarto pages. French.
Endorsed :—Mr Peyer Imhoff.

The EARL OF ROCHFORD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, September 7. St. James's.—As Mr Walpole and his associates are uneasy at the delay of their grant, sends the Attorney and Solicitor General's report relative to the order of council of the 3rd of last July. Observations in connection therewith. Sends other papers on the subject.
Letter signed. 4 pages.
Endorsed :—E. of Rochford 7 Sepr 1773.

Enclosures :—

1773, *July* 3. *Council Chamber, Whitehall.—Order of the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs. To prepare a draft of the Ohio grant containing the conditions and reservations proposed by the Board of Trade*
Copy. 1 page.

1773, *July* 16.—*Edward Thurlow and Alexander Wedderburn, Attorney and Solicitor General. Report to the Lords Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs.*
Copy. 3 pages.

[*Not dated.*]—*Thomas Walpole, John Sarjant, Doctor Franklin and Samuel Wharton. Memorial to the Lords of the Treasury with the bounds of the tract applied for.*
Copy. 2 pages.

[LORD DARTMOUTH] to the EARL OF ROCHFORD.

1773, September 9. Sandwell.—Thanks him for communication of the report of the Attorney and Solicitor General in consequence of the order of Council of 3 July. Agrees with him in his opinion con-

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cerning the objections made by those gentlemen to the mode of granting in joint tenancy. Believes the bounds are as clearly and distinctly ascertained as the knowledge of the country will admit of.

Autograph copy. 1 *page.*

CAPTAIN GEORGE LEHUNTE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, September 17. Wexford.—Requests he will lay the enclosed memorial before the Board of Trade.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—George Lehunte Eq^{r} 17 Sep^{r} 1773, re^{d} 15 Oct^{r}.

Enclosure:—

MEMORIAL to the BOARD OF TRADE.

Desires to settle in North America and prays for a grant of 10,000 *acres of land in one of the provinces.*

Autograph signed. 1 *quarto page.*

The REVEREND WILLIAM GORDON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, September 18. Jamaica Plain.—His Lordship having written a confidential letter to the Speaker has given alarm to the gentlemen who have been in connection with Sir Francis Bernard. They think it beneath the dignity of a Secretary of State to correspond with the speaker of a petty provincial assembly. Warns him that their feelings will give a partial cast to the letters transmitted to the Government. Relates the manner in which he became acquainted with this fact.

Autograph letter signed. ¾ *page.*

Endorsed:—Rev^{d} M^{r} Gordon Jamaica Plain 18 Sep^{r} 1773.

DAVID PRYCE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, September 18. Upton Grey near Basingstoke.—His unsuccessful endeavours to obtain land granted to him in New York for his services in the late war. Is informed all lands are located. Desires to be recommended to His Majesty for some equivalent for his great loss.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Dav^{d} Pryce Esq^{r} Sep^{r} 1773 for Land in Am^{a}.

EDWARD FOY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, September 22. Mount Street.—Will be happy if the enclosed observations are of use in directing his Lordship's choice of locations and if he should be employed to put the plan in execution.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—C—4. Ed. Foy Esq^{r} Sep^{r} 1773. With Observations on the Land of sev^{l} Districts in the Colonies.

Enclosure:—

Observations beginning "The Western parts of Virginia contains (sic) a great quantity of unpatented lands."

Original not signed. 6 *quarto pages.*

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The Earl of Rochford to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, September 23. St. James's.—Has well considered the report of the Attorney and Solicitor General relative to the grant to the Ohio Company. Thinks an order of Council may be made with the greatest propriety agreeable to the enclosed draft. If his Lordship approves of it, will call a council.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Earl of Rochford 23 Sep[r] 1773.

Enclosure:—

Ohio Company.

Draft of a proposed Order in Council. Concerning the grant to the Ohio Company.
4 *pages.*

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, September 24. London.—Sends the second part of his report which relates solely to East Florida, and remarks thereon.

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1 *page.*

Julian Legge to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, September 27. M[rs] Lloyds, Hemlock Court, Carrey Street, near Lincolns Inn London.—Addressed to His Lordship at Sandwell Hall near Birmingham.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—B—3. M[r] Julian Legge Sep[r] 1773 late Midshipman of the Lowestoffe, desiring Employm[t].

George Wentworth to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, September 28. London.—Sends copy of his petition to the King and entreats his Lordship's patronage and protection.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—George Wentworth Esq[r] 27 Sep[r] 1773.

Enclosure:—

George Wentworth to the King.

1773, *September 27. London.—Petition. Account of the injustice he has undergone in endeavouring to obtain a legacy of £1000 left to George Wentworth, petitioner's uncle, by his father John Wentworth in* 1730. *Implores justice from the King.*
Signed copy. 3½ *pages.*

Benjamin Hallowell to John Pownall.

1773, September 29. Boston.—Unsettled state of the province. Surprise caused by M[r] Temple having ingratiated himself into the favour of those in power in England. In the earliest of the disturbances in America it is known that he took a leading part in the opposition.

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Since he has been in England the intelligence he has given has been as mischievous as that of Doctor Franklin. Satisfaction felt at M^r^ Cushing receiving a letter from Lord Dartmouth as it appears as though his Lordship had ignored the Governor. Difficulty Governors have always had to please the people in this province. Attitude of the Government of Rhode Island concerning the inquiry into the loss of the "Gaspee." Remarks on importation of tea. Suggests measures for securing duties and preventing smuggling. Further remarks respecting M^r^ Temple who must be violently imposing on his superiors.

Autograph letter signed. 7 pages. [Reproduced in B. F. Stevens's Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America.]

Lieutenant Governor H. T. Cramahé to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, October 1. Quebec.—Proceedings in the running of the boundary line between New York and Quebec. Before it receives the royal sanction the inhabitants of this Province beg the King to take into consideration how much the interference of New York upon the course of the river St. Lawrence may injure their commercial interests, especially in the fur trade of which the New Yorkers have already a considerable share and which their superior wealth would probably put them in full possession of.

Copy. 3 *pages.* [The signed letter, in duplicate, with the enclosure, is in the Public Record Office, Colonial Correspondence, Quebec, Vol. 9, fo. 20, and Board of Trade, Canada, Quebec, Vol. 7, fo. 245.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Lieut. Governor Cramahé to the Earl of Dartmouth dated Quebec October 1^st^ 1773.

Enclosure:—

Quebec. Minutes of Council.

1773, *August 2 and 4. Council Chamber Castle of St. Lewis Quebec.—Report on the running of the western boundary line.*

Copy. 6¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of the Minutes of His Majesty's Council of Quebec, the 2^d^ and 4^th^ of August 1773. *In Lieu^t^ Gov^r^ Cramahé's* (*N^o^* 8) *of 1^st^ October* 1773.

Archibald Duff to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, October 2.—In behalf of his brother Arthur Gordon to be Advocate General of the Court of Admiralty in East Florida.

Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

The Honourable Lucius Ferdinand Cary to [Lord Dartmouth.]

1773, October 4. Grosvenor Street.—Is concerned that his application has not met with better success but comforts himself with the thought of obtaining his Lordship's good offices on a future occasion.

Autograph letter signed. 1 quarto page.

Endorsed:—Hon^ble^ M^r^ Cary 4 Oct^r^ 1773.

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THE ALARM, NO. 1.

1773, October 6.—Printed paper entitled "The Alarm" No. 1, consisting of a letter signed Hampden, dated New York 6 October 1773 and beginning "My dear Fellow Citizens." Against monopolies, particularly the East India Company.

1¾ *pages.* [Duplicate of this is in the Public Record Office, Series America and West Indies, Vol. 183, fo. 921; and copies were presented, with other American papers, to the Houses of Parliament 7 March 1774.]

GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, October 6. New York.—Intends deferring his departure until the spring. Presumes he is to leave the seals of Government with Governor Colden who is 86 years of age and in feeble health. In case of his death, could he leave the great seal with Chief Justice Horsmanden or Sir William Johnson?

Autograph letter signed. 4 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^{r} Tryon 6 Oct^{r} 1773.

GOVERNOR LORD CHARLES GREVILLE MONTAGU to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, October 7. Bath.—Upon the enclosed petition.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—L^{d} Cha Montagu 7 Oct^{r} 1773.

Enclosure:—

LORD C. G. MONTAGU, LADY ELIZABETH CHAPLIN and seven others, to the KING.

Petition. On behalf of Ann Beckett who was convicted in August 1771 of privately stealing a purse and sentenced to transportation for 7 years. She went to Charles Town South Carolina, entered the service of Lord Charles Greville Montagu whom she served faithfully for two years. Petitioners have always believed in her innocence and entreat that the remainder of her sentence may be remitted.

Original signed. 3 *pages.*

THOMAS DANFORTH to JOHN POWNALL.

1773, October 8. Boston.—Expresses his acknowledgments for the kindness and favour received from M^{r} Pownall. Found upon his arrival at Boston that the publication of the letters had greatly increased the prejudices of the people. Cause of the odium brought against Gov. Bernard and other officers by the people. Educational differences in Britain and New England largely account for the disposition of the people with regard to politics. The description he has given of Lord Dartmouth has been received with great pleasure.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Danforth Ex.

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ORDER IN COUNCIL. New Hampshire.

1773, October 8. St. James's.—Approving a long report of the Lords Committee of the Council for Plantation affairs with reference to the complaint of Peter Livius against Governor Wentworth. As the report concluded that there was no foundation for any censure on the Governor, nor for any of the charges brought against him it is hereby ordered that the said complaint of Peter Livius be dismissed.

Copy. 10½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 7. New Hampshire Copy of order in Council.

"THE ALARM," N° 2.

1773, October 9.—*2 printed folio pages.*

GOVERNOR PATRICK TONYN to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, October 11. New Norfolk Street.—Recommending M^r^ John Leadbeater for the appointment of Minister and Schoolmaster in East Florida.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 8. Gov^r^ Tonyn 11 Oct^r^ 1773.

GOVERNOR PATRICK TONYN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, October 11.—Will always retain the highest sense of his Lordship's patronage.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—N° 9. Gov^r^ Tonyn, 11 Oct. 1773.

GOVERNOR PATRICK TONYN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, October 16. New Norfolk Street.—Concerning his recommendation of M^r^ Leadbeater for the appointment of minister in East Florida.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 10. Gov^r^ Tonyn 16 Oct^r^ 1773.

GOVERNOR PATRICK TONYN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, October 18.—On the same subject.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 11. Gov^r^ Tonyn 18 Oct^r^ 1773.

ROBERT HAYNE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, October 19. N° 43 Shoreditch London.—Concerning estates which rightly belong to his wife in America but which cannot be claimed on account of the difficulty in procuring the will of Richard Salter.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Hayne 19 Oct^r^ 1773.

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Robert Hayne to Lord Dartmouth.

Not dated.—Petition. With a memorandum concerning the will of Richard Salter.

Original, not signed. 2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 8. Petition of Robert Hayne, praying the Interposition of the Earl of Dartmouth for the Recovery of an Estate and the Effects of Rich[d] Salter Esq̃. of Trenton in New Jersey, which he alledges to be detained from him by a M[r] Cox of that Town, as Heir at Law (in right of his Wife, whom he states to be only Daughter of the said R[d] Salter) to the said Estate.

United Presbyterian Churches of New York to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, October 20. New York.—Address of the Ministers, Elders and Deacons. Signed John Rodgers, Moderator.

Original. 5⅓ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Presbyterian Churches of N. York.

The Same to the Same.

1773, October 20. New York.—Substance of the above Petition from the Ministers &c. of the United Presbyterian Churches of New York to Lord Dartmouth for a charter of incorporation.

4¾ *pages.*

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, October 23. London.—The report is finishing agreeable to the directions he has received. Has found it necessary to add to that report the 8[th] chapter now enclosed. Is informed that his geometer Joseph Purcell has secretly taken copies of his surveys since his absence from America and entered the service of John Stuart Indian Superintendent, a special friend of Governor Grant. One Bernard Romans acted in the same manner previously. Stuart's present appointment is entirely the effect of de Brahm's recommendation.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Enclosure:—

Chapter 8[th]. *Of the Indian Boundaries.*
Autograph. 3¾ *pages.*

Extract of a letter from Boston.

1773, October 28.—Addressed to J. T. Esq.

2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—C—17. Ext. of a Letter from Boston to J. T. Esq[r] 28 Oct[r] 1773. (Thoughts on the Means of restoring Peace to the Colonies.)

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CHARLES GARTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, October 30. Devizes.—Thinks it necessary his Lordship should see the continued resolution in South Carolina not to pass any Government bill while the instruction of April 1770 is in existence. A continuance of this instruction will cause heated dissensions between the Council and Assembly and increase the many evils the province already labours under.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 5. Ch. Garth Esq^{r} Oct^{r} 30, 1773.

Enclosure:—

SOUTH CAROLINA MINUTES OF COUNCIL.

1773, *August* 17, 19 *and* 20.—*Contained in a Newspaper cutting. Begins, "Ordered. That a Committee of the following Gentlemen be appointed to inquire into the present State of the Public Treasury." Report submitted and resolutions thereon.*

WILLIAM KELLY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, October 30. Worcester.—As he is engaged in a contested election for this city and must strain every nerve, desires permission to print the letter he addressed to his Lordship on the importation of corn from America. His reason is solely to confirm the favourable sentiments as to his commercial knowledge, and the fact of his being in communication with Lord Dartmouth would have a good effect.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—W. Kelly Esq^{r} 30 Oct^{r} 1773.

GOVERNOR THOMAS HUTCHINSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D. [about October 1773]. Answers to questions from the Secretary of State relative to the condition of the colony of which he is Governor—its extent, boundaries, natural features, harbours, constitution, trade, inhabitants, and expenses; with a paper marked, Valuation 1761.

Copy. 15½ *pp. in two columns.* [The original is in the Public Record Office, America and West Indies, 174, fo. 791.]

Endorsed:—America.

SAGADAHOOK.

1773, October.—A list of the number of Inhabitants settled on lands eastward of the Sagadahook River to the River St. Croix. Total number of families 2,438.

Original. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—List of the N° of Inhabitants in territ° of Sagadahook.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to MR. LOUP.

1773, November 3.—Concerning a letter forwarded by him from the Earl of Dartmouth to which no answer has been received. Remarks

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upon his Lordship's generosity with regard to the grant he has made. Asks whether the plan of the Society is to take place or is dropt.

Copy signed. ¾ *page.*

GOVERNOR JOSIAH MARTIN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, November 4. New Bern, North Carolina.—Private. Acquaints him of the retraction by Mr Burgwin of certain charges he had made against him (Martin); he, on his part, now desires to withdraw any misrepresentations in Burgwin's disfavour.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Govr Martin 4 Novr 1773. *Private.*

MONTFORT BROWNE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, November 5. Greenwich.—To explain his disagreeable situation during his command at West Florida from the cruel misrepresentations made against him would take up too much time, therefore only goes into the question of the great injuries his estates have suffered from their being totally dismembered by the sale of his negroes to discharge the debts of Government. Desires an appointment. Dominica is the object of his wishes.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Montd Browne Esqr 4 Novr 1773.

GOVERNOR SIR FRANCIS BERNARD to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, November 6. Aylesbury.—Refers to an application he made nine months ago in favour of his two sons for the appointment of the naval office at Boston. His own services. Requests that this office may be extended to make provision for more than one of his sons.

Letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Sr Fr. Bernard 6 Nov. 1773.

J. TEMPLE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, November 8. Great George Street.—Transmits copies of letters on American affairs which passed between himself when in America and the late Mr Whately. He is the first person in England this correspondence has been shown to except some short extracts which relate to particular matters. Sends them from a desire to throw every light on the affairs of the colonies. These letters will in part disclose the trouble and illtreatment he (Temple) met with.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Temple 8 Novr 1773.

COMMODORE SAMUEL HOOD to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1773, November 9. Catherington by Petersfield.—Renews his application that his Lordship will recommend him to Lord North for a similar mark of public favour to that bestowed on Mr Gambier his successor in the American command.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Com. Hood 9 Novr 1773.

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JAMES LOUP to WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM.

1773, November 11. Basinghall Street.—The intended Society for Cape Florida and the projects in connection therewith have ended in smoke. Acknowledges the condescension shown by the Earl of Dartmouth. Reasons for the affair terminating in this way.

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 3½ *quarto pages.*

CAPTAIN WILLIAMOS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, November 18. Thursday Evening, St. James's Place.—Would like to be appointed to the office named in the enclosure but should such an office appear inadmissible offers himself as a candidate to succeed Mr Shuckburgh as Secretary to the Indian affairs under Sir William Johnson.

Autograph, third person. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—Cap. Williamos 18 Novr 1773.

Enclosure:—

A paper showing the advisability of establishing an office for inspecting the sale of lands in North America. "The Spirit of emigration to North America being now so prevailing in Europe the Immense tracts of land which the Crown possesses in that Continent are of course of the greatest Importance, and therefore every step ought to be taken to regulate every thing relative to them.

Autograph. 5 pages.

ROBERT TOMLINSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, November 23. "Resolution" at Portsmouth.—Desiring to be appointed first Lieut. of the Admiral's Ship upon the No American Station.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

JOHN JONES to MR. PADMORE.

1773, November 24. Denmark Court, No. 15, Strand, London.—On the subject of the enclosures.

Autograph letter signed. ⅔ *page.*

Endorsed:—pr Lt. Wm Campbell.

Enclosures:—

Memorandum relative to his claim to certain lands in South Carolina.

Original. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—South Carolina.

Extract from the will of Lewis Jones of South Carolina, 10 *February* 1743 *with some "Suppositions" concerning the land therein mentioned.*

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Case of John Jones.

Not dated.—Respecting lands bequeathed to him in South Carolina.
Draft. 1¾ *pages.*

Joseph Ward to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, November 27. Boston, New England.—Upon the serious state of affairs in America. Endeavours of France to gain some advantage in the prevailing dispute. Urges the necessity of a speedy reconciliation.
Autograph letter signed. 4 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Ward Boston Novr 27 1773.

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, November 29. States his connection with Governor Grant through the marriage of his daughter. Loss he has sustained by her death. Recommends his father-in-law John Row, who has been for many years Sheriff of Maryland, for the appointment of Provost Marshal of East Florida.
Autograph letter signed. With seal. 2 *pages.*

Corbyn Morris to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, December 1. Storys Gate, Westminster.—Refers to a conversation with Lord North on the subject of a new American commission. Proposes two new members and gives a list of the gentlemen who would then compose it. Remarks on the advantages which would be gained by its establishment.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—C. Morris Esqr 1 Dec 1773.

Tea. Proceedings at Boston.

1773, December 1.—Two copies of a printed paper headed "Boston" containing proceedings of the people of Boston and the neighbouring towns, 29 and 30 November, assembled for the purpose of consulting, advising and determining upon the most proper and effectual method to prevent the unlading, receiving or vending the "detestable tea" sent out by the East India Company.
2 *pages.* [Copy of this was presented with other papers to the Houses of Parliament on the 7th March 1774.]

Tea.

1773, received December 1.—"Scævola" to the Commissioners appointed by the East India Company for the sale of tea, in America. Setting forth the odium attached to the office held by them.
Printed. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—No 10. Address to the Commissrs for sale of Tea in America N. York. R/ 1 Decr 1773.

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TEA.

1773, after December 6.—Postscript to a letter from Boston dated Dec^{r} ye 6th. "Since dating the within, all the Tea which had arrived in the three vessels, Capts. Bruce, Hall and Coffin, has been utterly destroyed by a number of persons disguised like Indians, who broke open the Hatches, hoisted up the Chests, stove them, & threw them overboard" . . . . The owners and others concerned dared not accept the Admiral's protection; their own lives, their families and their property must have been the forfeit.

2¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Boston. From an officer on board the Arthur.

CASE of COLONEL GEORGE MERCER.

1773, December 7. London.—Beginning "In 1754, The Government of Virginia raised a Regiment, to prevent the encroachments of the French." His services in the army and later as stamp distributor.

Printed. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Case of Colonel Mercer.

The REVEREND WILLIAM GORDON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, December 11. Jamaica Plain.—Disgust displayed by American merchants in London on account of the measures pursued by the East India Company with regard to the tea. Explains that their representations of the monopoly of that Company have been the means of rousing the opposition in America. The meetings etc. Temper of the people. His own endeavours to dissuade them from a rupture. How far they may have exceeded the bounds of moderation, after allowing for the manner in which they have been managed by interested persons at home and among themselves, as that Government may decline giving them relief or judge it necessary to adopt rough measures, is not for him to determine, but if any colony should be dealt with separately the rest would make it a common cause. Warns that from his observation they could oppose any British regiments set against them. The population is much greater than any returns show as the people do not wish their real numbers known.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev. M^{r} Gordon 1773.

Copy in his own hand of the foregoing.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, December 16. Queens Square, Westminster.—Religious sentiments with reference to the enclosed essay.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *page.*

Enclosure:—

1773, *December* 12.—"*Essay upon the Apocalipsin on the time and times passed present and to come.*"

Autograph. 4 *pages.*

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B. ROMANS to DOCTOR WILLIAMSON.

1773, December 20.—Concerning a proposed expedition by the Lakes or the Mississippi through the western parts of America to the North Eastern parts of Asia and thence to Russia. (The beginning of the letter seems to be wanting.)

Autograph signed. 2 pages.

Endorsed:—Rec^{d} 2^{d} Feb^{y} 1774 from D^{r} Williamson.

HOUSE of ASSEMBLY of NORTH CAROLINA.

1773, December 21.—Resolutions to present an address to the King soliciting the withdrawal of the instruction relative to attachments Certified by Governor Martin 2 March 1774 with a large wax seal of the province attached by a blue ribbon.

Copy from the Minutes, attested by Jas. Green. 2¾ pages.

TEA.

1773, December 27.—Printed paper headed "Philadelphia" containing an account of the transactions in this city with reference to the tea sent to America.

1 *page.* [Another printed copy is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 202, fo. 35.]

THOMAS DANFORTH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, December 28. Boston.—Gives an account of the late very extraordinary occurrences with regard to the East India Company's tea.

Autograph letter signed. 7 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Tho^{s} Danforth Jun^{r}. 28 Dec^{r} 1773. Boston.

FIRE at FORT GEORGE, NEW YORK.

1773, December 29.—An Estimate of the loss of several persons (servants of Governor Tryon) by the fire in the evening of 29 December.

1 *page.*

Endorsed:—Estimate of the Losses of the within nam'd Persons by the Fire in the Fort House the 29 Dec^{r} 1773. Servants to Gov. Tryon In consideration whereof the Gov^{r} gave them £340 Sterling equal to £595 Currency of N. York.

340
170
85
595

JOHN POWNALL to PETER MICHELL.

1773, December. Whitehall.—Desiring to know whether the East-India Company has obtained licenses to export teas on their own account to North America. (This is within a wrapper bearing the following note in Pownall's hand:—"The inclosed Letter consequential of the Advices lately receed from America is submitted to your Lordship and shall be either sent or suppress'd as you think fit.")

Letter signed. 1 page.

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BOSTON, NEW YORK, and PHILADELPHIA.

1773, November and December.—Schedule of Papers touching the different town meetings in the various Provinces of America during these months. The list is arranged under the headings—Boston, New York, and Philadelphia.
1 *quarto page.*

BANK IN AMERICA.

N.D. [Qy. about 1773 or 1774.]—Plan for establishing a Bank in North America, beginning "Tho the Prohibition of Paper Currency in the several provinces of North America, has as yet taken place in few or none entirely, as the time their Bills have to run is not yet expired, it has notwithstanding caused great distress."
6¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—C—21 Plan for Establishing a Bank in North America.

WILLIAM BOLLAN, Agent for the Council of Massachusetts Bay, to the KING.

N.D. [1773.]—Petition. Remarks concerning the charter of the province. Endeavours to justify proceedings of the Council and desires to be heard in their further defence.
Copy. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Bollans petition to the King in Council. Copy.

[WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM] to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

N.D. [Qy. 1773.]—Paper headed Memorandum. Remarks on the mis-government of the Governor [Grant]. Persecution shown to those who refuse to submit to his requests and caprices. Injustice displayed in settlement of lands in the province. Impossibility of the country flourishing under the present Governor unless he reforms.
In de Brahm's hand. 4 *folio pages.*

The EARL OF BUCHAN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773.—
Letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—E. of Buchan 1773. Intimating his Intention of visiting the Colonies, and offering Information.

COD FISHERY.

1773.—Paper endorsed "Mr De Berdt on the Cod Fishery."
1 1/10 *pages.*

JOHN CALEF to the KING.

N.D. [Qy. 1773.]—Memorial on behalf of William Eaton and 59 other settlers on Deer Island. Concerning the settlement made by

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them on that Island lying on the eastward side of the entrance of Penobscot river which they desire may be granted to them and their heirs.

Original signed. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Mem° of John Calef Esq^r^ Agent for W^m^ Eaton & others.

Notes for Letters to American Governors.

N.D. [1773.]—Memorandum of Instructions to be given to General Haldimand, Governors Hutchinson, Tryon and Martin and the Commissioners of the Customs. General Haldimand to be instructed that there is no intention to re-establish the Post at Crown Point. The garrison either to rejoin the corps to which it belongs, or be added to that of Ticonderoga. The 60th regiment. Hutchinson's private correspondence. Tryon to be ordered to return to England to place before His Majesty the state of his province. Instructions for Governor Martin concerning the Court Act. Commissioners of Customs are not to allow any packets to be opened addressed upon His Majesty's Service to the Secretary of State or his under Secretaries.

In Pownall's hand. 2 folio pages.

Endorsed:—(In pencil) Gen. Haldimand 2. Gov^r^ Tryon. Gov^r^ Martin. Cust. House. R. Society. Rev^d^ M^r^ Vickers.

John Gordon to the King.

N.D. [1773.]—Memorial. Concerning a previous memorial presented by him, relative to difficulties which have arisen in connection with his and others' claims to land in East Florida. Desires the King will direct an inquiry to be made into the merits of his case and the nature of such means as he may have to propose.

2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Gordon's Memor^l^ to the K, in Council.

Mary Hayne to [Lord Dartmouth].

N.D. [1773.]—Respecting the trouble she has experienced in procuring the will of her father M^r^ Salter.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ quarto pages.

Endorsed:—M^rs^ Hayne.

Thomas Irving.

N.D. [1773.]—A paper containing extracts of letters in favour of Thomas Irving Inspector General of Exports, from the Collector, Commissioners and Secretary of the Customs at Boston to the Treasury and the Board of Customs at home, to the effect that he has rendered essential service to the Government.

2 folio pages.

Endorsed:—Extracts concern^g^ M^r^ Irving.

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WILLIAM KNOX.

N.D. [Qy. 1773 or 1774.]—On the proposed mode of granting lands in America. A long essay containing comparison between the present mode and that intended to be adopted.

In Knox's hand. 30¾ *pages.*

LORD CHARLES GREVILLE MONTAGU to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N.D. [1773.]—Pecuniary losses sustained by him in the execution of his appointment as Governor of South Carolina. Hopes his Lordship will represent his case to the King that he may be allowed the same salary which has lately been established for the Governors of New York and Boston.

Original. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed:—To the Earl of Dartmouth His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies and Plantations.

The Memorial of Lord Charles Greville Montagu Governor of South Carolina.

NEW ENGLAND.

N. D. [Qy. 1773.]—A list of New England Grievances. "1. Acts of Parliament raising a revenue in America without our Consent. 2. The Appropriation of it alarming. Salary to the Governor destroying the mutual Dependence between him & People, establish'd by the Charter. Creating undue Dependance of the Judges on the Crown. 3. Revenue Officers needlessly multiplied in the Colonies. Board of Comm^rs an Innovation, embarrassing Trade, Fleets & Armies posted in the Province for no purpose but to protect them in their Oppressions. 4. Enormous Extension of Admiralty Powers an intolerable Grievance—depriving of Rights to Trial by Juries. 5. Act about Dockyards depriving of Trial by the Vicinage. 6. Instructions to seize our Fortress, Castle William. 7. Danger from the Powers of a Military Commander in chief. 8. Instruction to exempt Particular Persons from Taxes repugnant to Rights of the General Court. 9. Instruction forbidding Governor to assent to the Payment of the Agent."

⅔ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—N° 14. New England Grievances.

PAPER MONEY in AMERICA.

N. D. [Qy. about 1773 or 1774.]—Paper concerning the issuing of paper bills of credit in the Colonies.

2⅔ *pages.*

Endorsed:—C—18. Paper Money in the Colonies.

PENNSYLVANIA.

1773.—A Paper headed "The foreign Trade of Pensylvania," being Imports from and Exports to the *Foreign European Ports.* Extracted from the Collector's account.

1 *page.*

Endorsed:—Pennsylvania Trade.

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SOUTH CAROLINA.

1773.—A paper endorsed "S. Carolina Proceedings concerning the Commitment of Powell the Printer. Augst 1773." Quoting, amongst other items, the Protest of William Henry Drayton of 27 August and the Addresses of the Council of 11 September to the King and to Governor Bull.

Draft. 54 *pages.*

SOUTH CAROLINA.

N.D. [to 1773].—A sketch of the proceedings of the Assembly relative to the transmission of money from the Public Treasury to England. Endorsed 1769, but the proceedings appear to be carried up to the autumn of 1773. Gives details of the proceedings resulting from the correspondence between Lieutenant Governor Bull and Lord Hillsborough and Governor Montagu and the Earl of Dartmouth.

Draft. 71⅔ *pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 1. Proceedings of the Assembly, relative to the Transmission of Money from the Public Treasury to England. 1769.

EDWARD SOUTHOUSE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773.—Memorial. Is by profession an attorney.

2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Memorial of M^{r} Edward Southouse praying for an office in N^{o} America, or elsewhere. 1773. Ent^{d}.

ROYALIST MILITIA.

1774, January 1. New York.—General Return of the Orange Regiment consisting of Two Battalions commanded by Colonel William Bayard.

Original, signed William Bayard. ¾ *large page.*

Endorsed:—General Return of the 1st & 2^{d} Battalion's of the Orange Regiment Commanded By Colonel William Bayard New York 1st Jan^{y} 1774.

MRS. S. OSBORN to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, January 1.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A—31. M^{rs} Osborn 1st Jan^{ry} 1774. Recommending M^{r} *John Fennel,* whose Letter to her is inclosed. *V.* Cor. p. 20.

Enclosure:—

JOHN FENNELL to [MRS. S. OSBORN].

1773, *August* 12.—*Requests her influence with the Earl of Dartmouth for an appointment in the proposed colony on the Ohio.*

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

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Fire at Fort George, New York.

1774, January 3–14.—Various depositions of Governor Tryon's servants—Patty Hatch, housekeeper, Benjamin Johnson, Malcolm McIsaac, Ann Patterson, Isaac De Peny, Elizabeth Dudley, Elizabeth Laycock, Moses Mardon, and of Samuel Bayard, Merchant, as to the fire in Fort George, sworn before Whitehead Hicks, Mayor. 3, 4, 5, and 14 January 1774.

Certified copies. 3½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—January 1774. Depositions of the Governor's Servants touching the Fire in Fort George. As also the Deposition of Samuel Bayard Merchant.

The Massachusetts Gazette and Boston Weekly News Letter.

1774, January 6, Thursday.—Number 3666.
4 *printed pages.*

Samuel Kemble to [Lord Dartmouth].

1774, January 7. New York.
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Kemble N. York 7 Jan. 1774. Returning Thanks for his Appointment of Naval Officer of N. York.

[Thomas Crowley] to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, January 8. Grace Church Street.—Paper signed Amor Patriæ, certified T[homas] C[rowley] and addressed to Lord Dartmouth. "Wisdom is better than Weapons of War, but one Sinner destroyeth much Good." Eccles. 9th ch. Ver. 18. An essay on American taxation.

Copy. 1⅓ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Amor Patriæ 1774. Ex.

William Gerard de Brahm.

1774, January 10.—Memorandum. American lands to be cultivated, manufactures to be discouraged. Suggests the separation of the garrison and King's officers from the inhabitants in each province by the erection of forts large enough to hold 3,000 men besides the governor's residence.

Autograph. With seal. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Memorandum concerning America.

Thomas De La Mayne to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, January 10. New Bond Street.—Upon the subject of the enclosure.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Delamaine Jan[ry] 1775.

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Enclosure:—

Thoughts upon American Complaints. "*The Complaints from America, like those of most other States, spring from the two great bases of political security,* Property *and* Liberty."
Original not signed. 5¾ *pages.*
Endorsed:—Thoughts on America.

The King's Speech to Parliament.

[1774, January 13.]—Draft, with interlineations and corrections by Lord Dartmouth. Not dated—believed to be about this date. Regrets that peace between Russia and the Porte is not yet effected. Recommends to their attention the state of the gold coin. Has ordered the proper estimates for the current year to be laid before the House of Commons. Desires they will be careful to select for their immediate consideration such affairs as appear most important.
3⅓ *pages.*
Endorsed:—Draᵗ of Speech.

Lieutenant Governor Elias Durnford to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, January 15. London.—On the enclosures.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *page.*
Endorsed:—Lieut. Govʳ Durnford 15 Janʸ 1774.

Enclosures:—

Cause of the high price of provisions in West Florida.
Original. In Durnford's hand. ⅔ *page.*

Proposed Regulation for Fees in West Florida.
Original. In Durnford's hand. ½ *page.*

Observations on the Indian Affairs of West Florida.
Original. In Durnford's hand. 1⅓ *pages.*

T. Webb to [Lord Dartmouth].

1774, January 19.—Has seen Mr. Smith the Chief Justice of the Jerseys who tendered any services in his power in favour of Mr. Haynes. It rests with Mrs. Haynes to prove her father Richard Salter heir to Henry Salter. Acquaints of two vacancies in New York by the deaths of the naval officer and commissary general of provisions. Would be glad of the latter appointment. Flatters himself that his Lordship will not forget his long and faithful services.
Letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Mʳ Webb N. Jersey. Janʸ 19 1774.

Thomas Hunt to the Reverend Mr. Madan.

1774, January 22. No. 15, Bread Street.—Mr. and Mrs. Hayne desire their acknowledgements to Lord Dartmouth for his kindness in

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writing to Judge Smith. As the efforts to obtain a copy of the late Richard Salter's will have proved ineffectual, they intreat his Lordship to write to the Governor of New York requesting him to obtain and transmit a copy of the will immediately.

Autograph letter signed. With seal (broken). 1 *quarto page.*

Sir Francis Bernard to John Pownall.

1773 [should be 1774], January 23. Aylesbury.—Sends extract of a letter which comes from one who is firm in the interests of government.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—S^r^ F. Bernard to J. Pownall Esq. Ex.

Enclosure:—

1773, *December* 16.—*Extract of a letter from Boston.* "*The Temper of the People, and what has lately been said to be the disposition of Administration, lead some to think the Revenue Acts may be repealed and the American board of Commissioners be dissolved. You will hear more particularly than I can inform you, That the Tea in Bruce and Hall was this evening distroyed.*" *The Governor is detested by one party while he is blamed by the other. Does not think the people will come to a general and open rebellion if the government should pursue coercive measures, but it may be feared when a firm union between the Colonies may be completed.*

1 *quarto page.*

Samuel Wharton to Thomas Pitt.

1774, January 25. Argyle Street.—Concerning the grant of land made to Mr. Walpole and his associates and the objections made to it by the Attorney and Solicitor General.

Letter signed. 10¼ *pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Wh. to M^r^ Pitt concern^s^ Vandalia.

William Bollan to the King.

1774, January 26.—Petition. Showing that the harmony between Great Britain and the colonies has been disturbed by the King's ministers and that the Council of Massachusetts have endeavoured to preserve peace and good order although Governor Thomas Hutchinson while Lieutenant Governor wrote letters most unjustly censuring their conduct. Complains of the representations made against the Council by the Governor as also by Andrew Oliver Lieutenant Governor. Desires that copies of the Council's proceedings may be added to the other papers now before the Privy Council.

Copy. 2¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Petition of M^r^ Bollan, agent for the Council of the Massachu^tts^ province, to his Majesty. Copy. Ex.

Sir George Savile to Lord Dartmouth.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—S^r^ G^o^ Saville 28 Jan^y^ 1774. relative to M^r^ Green's Desire of being Secretary of N. Hampshire.

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HANS STANLEY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, January 28. Privy Garden.—On behalf of Captain Pryce who has lately submitted a memorial of his services and of his pretensions to a grant of lands in America.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅓ *pages.*

Endorsed:—H. Stanley Esq[r] 28 Jan[y] 1774 recommending Capt. Pryce.

CABINET MINUTE.

1774, January 29.—(Held at the Earl of Suffolk's.) Concerning American advices to be laid before the House of Lords.

Draft. 1⅓ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Minute 29 Jan[y] 1774. Ex.

CAPTAIN HENRY CALDWELL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, January 29. London.—A report has prevailed for some days past that his Majesty intends raising a corps of his Canadian subjects. Offers his services on the occasion. Supposes there may be 1,000 men on his estates in Canada holding their lands under feudal tenure and liable to military service, who are fit to bear arms. His powers as a seigneur and his experience as a military officer are both at the disposal of Government.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B—21. Cap. Caldwell 29 Jan[y] 1774.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM DALRYMPLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, January 29. London.—The people of Boston are endeavouring to raise a sum equal to the value of the teas destroyed to refund the Company. There remains still some fear of the consequences of their late frantic behaviour.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L[t] Col. Dalrymple 29 Jan[y] 1774.

JOHN MALCOLM to GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON and the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

[1774, January 30, certified].—Memorial, giving an account of the outrage committed on him by the people of Boston and desiring relief and suitable redress. Not dated. With a certificate by Joseph Gardner J. P. 30 January 1774, followed by a Resolution of both Houses of the Province 1 February relative to the memorial.

Copy certified in London 16 *June* 1774. 2⅔ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of Petition To the Governor and Representatives Massachusetts Bay N. England 1[st] February 1774. J. Malcolm.

ROYALIST MILTIA.

1774, January 31.—A list of the foot company of Flatbush in King's County whereof Leffert Martense is Captain, Johannes Ditmas Lieutenant and Jacob Suediker Ensign.

Signed Leffert Martense. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—A List of the Foot Company of Flat Bush.

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1774, January 31.—Return, addressed To his Excellency Governor Tryon, of the strength of the regiment of militia in West Chester County by James Van Cortlandt Colonel of the Regiment.
Signed. 1 *page.*
Endorsed:—Weschester Militia Col° Ja^{s} Van Cortlandt.

"An Opinion" on American Affairs.

1774, January.—Concerning the present disposition of the colonies and measures to be pursued in consequence.
2 *pages.*
Endorsed:—An *Opinion.* Jan^{y} 1774.

American Trade.

1774, January.—Britannicus. Thoughts on American trade. How to make the Colonies serviceable to the Mother Country.
Original signed. 1¾ *pages.*
Endorsed:—C.—5. Britannicus Jan. 1774. Thoughts on American Affairs. Britannicus Jan^{y} 1774.

Tea.

N.D. [1774, January.]—Paper headed "Case" beginning "The Advices received from Boston in letters from Governor Hutchinson, Admiral Montagu and the Commandant of the King's Troops at Castle William, and the Information taken here of Captain Scott lately arrived from thence, contain the following Facts"—(etc). With two Queries "on the foregoing Case" and Appendices A to I.

Appendix A.—Governor Hutchinson to Earl of Dartmouth Extract 4 November 1773.
Enclosures:—
Copy of an impersonal letter signed Q. C. and addressed to Thomas and Elisha Hutchinson [2 *November*].
Copy of a printed notification posted up in Boston 3 *November.*
Benjamin Davis. Narrative of proceedings with regard to the tea [3 *November*].
Josiah Green. Narrative of proceedings [3 *November*].

Appendix B.—Governor Hutchinson to the Earl of Dartmouth 6 November 1773.
Enclosures:—
Boston. [*Freeholders and*] *inhabitants Vote to request Thomas and Elisha Hutchinson to resign* 5 *November.*
Thomas Hutchinson Jun^{r} for self and brother to John Hancock [4 *November*].
Richard Clark and others to John Hancock 4 *November.*

Appendix C.—Governor Hutchinson to the Earl of Dartmouth 15 November 1773.
Appendix D.—Governor Hutchinson to the Earl of Dartmouth 2 December 1773.

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Enclosures:—

Extract from Massachusetts Gazette 26 November.

Massachusetts. Minutes of Council 19/29 November with a petition from Richard Clarke and others to the Governor and Council and a Certificate of Hutchinson.

Proceedings of Boston inhabitants 29 and 30 November (headed 1 December.)

Appendix E.—Information of Capt. Scott taken 25 January 1774.
Appendix F.—Rear-Adl. Montagu to Philip Stephens 8 December 1773.
Appendix G.—Governor Hutchinson to the Earl of Dartmouth 15 December.
Appendix H.—Governor Hutchinson to the Earl of Dartmouth 17 December.
Appendix I.—Rear-Adml. Montagu to Philip Stephens 17 December.

82½ *pages.*

The same "Case" and "Queries" but without the Appendices.

TEA.

N.D. [Qy. about 1774, January].—Paper headed "Narrative" similar to the foregoing "Case" but giving also abstracts of letters from Major General Haldimand, from Philadelphia and the agents of the East India Company there, and from Governor Bull of South Carolina.

Draft. 30½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Narrative.

JOHN HURST to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, February 1. Bow Churchyard.—Transmitting enclosure.
Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Concern[s] American Lands M[r] Hurst.

Enclosure:—

HENRY REMSEN to JOHN HURST.

1773, *October* 25. *New York.—Per the "London" Captain Chambers. Concerning a tract of land which he has discovered in New York. Recommends it to the Earl of Dartmouth for one of his sons. Gives boundaries and description.*
Signed copy. 2 *pages.*

JOHN LANE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, February 2. Nicholas Lane.—Desires Mr. Woodbury Langdon may be appointed to a vacancy in the Council of New Hampshire occasioned by the death of Mr. Daniel Pierce.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

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Returns of Royalist Militia.

1774, February 2.—A list of the Militia company of foot in the township of Flatlands in King's County signed by Captain Jeremiah Vander Bilt.
1½ *pages.*
Endorsed:—Col° Lots Return of the Militia in King's County.

1774, February 2.—"A list Or Roole of the Names of the Troupers in King's County under the command of Captain Rem Couwenhoven," signed by him.
1 *page.*
Endorsed:—The Return of the Troop in King's County.

1774, February 2.—A list of the company of militia of the township of New Streight under the command of Jacques Denyse.
Signed. 1 *page.*

1774, February 3.—A list of the militia of Gravesend, whereof Isaac Denyse is Captain, signed by him.
1 *page.*

1774, February 4.—A list of the militia &c. of the north side of the Rode of the township of Brookland under the command of Captain Abraham Remson.
Signed. 1 *page.*

1774, February 4.—A list of the men's names in the western division of the township of Brooklands in King's County, signed by Captain Farnandus Suydam.
1 *quarto page.*

Cabinet Minute.

1774, February 4.—(At Lord Rochford's office.) In Lord Dartmouth's hand. To recommend to the King that the Governor remove to some place in the province least likely to be influenced by Boston. The Attorney and Solicitor General to consider whether the late proceedings amount to high treason.
Rough draft. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Minute 4 Feb^{y} 1774.

William Bollan to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, February 5. Covent Garden.—Concerning the laying of his petition before the King and his desire to be heard on behalf of the Council he represents.
Letter signed. With seal (broken). 2 *quarto pages.*

Cabinet Minute.

1774, February 5.—(At the Earl of Sandwich's.) In Lord Dartmouth's hand. Measures to be pursued in case the Attorney and Solicitor

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General are of opinion that there is sufficient ground to institute a criminal proceeding against any of the persons concerned in the late outrages committed in Boston.

1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Minute 5 Feby 1774.

"Amor Patriæ" [Thomas Crowley] to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, February 5. Grace Church Street.—The advisability of sending ships of war to procure justice by capturing vessels bound from the American ports to foreign European ports and the West Indies, rather than depending wholly on military inland measures.

Original. ⅔ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Amor Patriæ 1774.

Enclosure:—

Letter to the Printer of the Public Ledger signed "Amor Patriæ." On the important crisis now pending between England and America.

Newspaper cutting. ½ *column.*

[ ] to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, February 5. North America.—Thoughts upon the American colonies. Taxation. Fears if some conciliatory measures are not adopted, hostile aversions and animosities will produce mutual distress.

Autograph. 21⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Anonimous N. America 5 Feby 1774. R/ 11 July Ex.

Returns of Royalist Militia.

1774, February 7.—A list of the militia company of foot of Bushwick in King's County, signed by Captain Petrus Lott.

1¾ *pages.*

1774, February 8.—A list of the names of the officers belonging to the regiment of King's County who are not included in the several rolls of the respective companies.

Original. ½ *quarto page.*

A return of the militia in Richmond County, with a list of persons recommended by Christopher Billopps to Governor Tryon, dated 8 February 1774. The commissions dated 25 February.

2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Return of Col. Christopẽr Billops Regiment in Richmond County.

Colonel William Dalrymple to [Lord Dartmouth.]

1774, February 10. London.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Col. Dalrymple 10 Feb. 1774 desiring Employment in the Measures with America.

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The NEW HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE and HISTORICAL CHRONICLE.

1774, February 11.—Containing, amongst other items, speeches of Gov. Wentworth of 12 and 14 January and address of the Assembly on the 21st.

No. 903. 2 *printed pages.*

Endorsed (*on a wrapper*):—Case of Mr Livius.

[LORD DARTMOUTH] to JOHN THORNTON.

1774. February 12.—When he writes to Mr. Gordon, will he desire him, if he has any influence among the leading persons in the province, to set before them how fatally and effectually they have now shut the door against all possibility of present relief for any of the things they complain of, and how utterly vain it must be to expect that Parliament will ever give it them till there appears to be a change in their temper and conduct. Would be thought as mad as they if he were to say a word of repealing the tea duty now. . . . Hopes yet to see it done. Had they made no opposition to the E. India Company's teas it might have been this session. . . . If it is meant to drive this country to extremities, there is an end of all schemes and plans of reconciliation.

Copy. Last few lines in Lord Dartmouth's hand. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy to J. Thornton Esqr 12 Feb. 1774. On Mr Gordon's Letter, and Boston Riots.

LORD NORTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, February 13. Downing Street.—Believes that a letter from the Admiralty to Mr Montagu will be requisite that he may know the conduct he ought to hold with respect to ships attempting to enter the harbour of Boston. Has sent a short sketch of a letter which contains his idea of the order proper to be sent to the Treasury.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Ld North Feby 13 1774 relative to the Boston Bill &c.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, February 14, at Mr. Roberts, Queen Street, Westminster.—The vessels, boats, and instruments he requires are for the King's and not for his own service and will remain the King's property for ever. What he requires for himself is an honest subsistence so that he with his family may not burden others. Refers to the representations he has made of his sufferings. Desires that justice may be done to his demands.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *pages.*

ROYALIST MILITIA.

1774, February 15.—Return of the Southern regiment of militia in the County of Cumberland within the Province of New York, signed by Colonel Wells. The commissions issued 15 March 1774.

1 *page.*

Endorsed:—Return of Col Wells Regeimt Cumberland County.

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Corbyn Morris to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, February 15. Board Room, Custom House.—Mr. Beaumont's case with regard to the tobacco seized from him stands in a very unfavourable light. In consequence of the enclosed report and the solicitor's opinion thereon the Board have ordered the tobacco to be proscribed.

Autograph, third person.—1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Corbyn Morris Esq^{r} 15 Feb^{y} 1774. M^{r} Beaumont's Case.

Enclosure:—

H. Stone and W. Spence to [the Board of Customs].

1774, *February 5.—Report. Seizure made by them of tobacco in possession of Mr. Beaumont of Rosemary High Street or Lane, some of which is from Virginia and Maryland. At the end is this note.—12th February* 1774 *To the Solicitor with the former papers E. M. From the Officers report, The goods appear liable to Seizure, J. Hedges, for M^{r} Medcalfe,* 12th *Feb.* 1774. 14th *Feb^{y}. Prosecute. E. H.*

Cabinet Minute.

1774, February 16.—(At Lord Rochford's.) In Lord Dartmouth's hand. Decision concerning the information lately received from Boston touching the disorders there. Agreed that two guard ships be added to the squadron under the command of Admiral Montagu at Boston.

1$\frac{3}{4}$ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Minute 16 Feb^{y} 1774.

1774, February 19.—Heads, apparently for the following Cabinet Minute. In Lord Dartmouth's hand.

1$\frac{1}{8}$ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Heads for a minute 19 Feb^{y} 1774.

Cabinet Minute.

[1774], February 19.—(At Lord Dartmouth's.) In John Pownall's hand. In case a warrant is issued to arrest persons guilty of treason at Boston to recommend the King to send out a person conversant in the law to assist in its execution. Advices received from America, with the proceedings of the Privy Council thereupon to be laid before the Houses of Parliament. Permission to be gained to bring in the Boston Port Bill and a bill to alter the constitution of Massachusetts Bay.

2$\frac{3}{8}$ *quarto pages.*

Royalist Militia.

1774, February 19.—A muster roll of the regiment on the north side of the Highlands in Orange County.

Not signed. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—Return of Col^{o} Tusten's Regiment in Orange County.

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GOVERNOR THOMAS HUTCHINSON to the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

1774, February 22. Boston.—Message dated Council Chamber 22 February 1774. Is headed Boston, Thursday, 24 February 1774.
Copy. 4 *pages.*

ROYALIST MILITIA.

1774, February 24. Windsor.—Return of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Cumberland. Commanded by Colonel Nathan Stone. Commissions issued 19 March 1774.
Original signed. 1 *page.*

THOMAS BRIDGEN ATWOOD to the EARL OF ROCHFORD.

1774, February 28. New York.—Recommends a former inhabitant of Bungay, Suffolk, who is in reduced circumstances. A small post in the Customs, in the post office, or in the land office, in New York, Boston, Quebec, Montreal or Philadelphia, of only £50 salary, would supply all his wants.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—M^r Atwood to L^d Rochford. N. York. 28 Feb^y 1774, recommending M^r Brown.

CABINET MINUTE.

1774, February 28.—With memorandum of a previous minute, undated, on the same business. In Lord Dartmouth's hand. As the charge of high treason cannot be maintained against any individuals on the ground of the depositions taken at the Council Board on the 19th instant, agreed that the depositions with the American advices be laid before Parliament on Monday next. To address the King with assurances of support. Boston Port Bill to be brought in and a bill for supporting the declaratory act of the 6th of this reign.
2 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Minute 28 Feb^y 1774.

BOSTON.

1774, February.—Remarks of a Merchant who makes an annual progress through the colonies on the continent of North America upon the character of the people at Boston. They are not only the worst subjects but the most truly immoral men of any he has had to deal with, unfair in trade, etc. If large and loud professions of the Gospel be an exact criterion of vital religion they are the best people on earth but if meekness, gentleness and patience constitute any part, those qualities are not found there. If they could maintain a state of independence they would soon be at war amongst themselves.
2⅛ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—A Merchant's Remarks upon the People of Boston. R/ Feb. 1774.

[ ] to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, February. Letter not signed.—The importance of removing Mess^rs Hutchinson and Oliver. "The fairest opportunity is now

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offer'd for Government perfectly consistent with its Dignity, to restore the American System to its good old-Establishment." . . . . . "All they want is to be restored to the State they were in, before the unhappy period of the late Mr George Grenville's administration; & let the glorious successes of the late War tell, whether that is not a desirable one, both for the Mother Country and the Colonies."

Original. 3⅛ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Anonymous Feby 1774. Redress of Amer. Complaints.

Cabinet Minute.

1774, March 1.—In Lord Dartmouth's hand. With a memorandum in Pownall's hand dated from the Secretary's Office 4 o'clock concerning the opinion of the Attorney General on a certain case. Resolutions as to alterations in the manner of appointing justices of the peace in Massachusetts Bay and in the constitution of the Province.

⅜ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Minute 1 March 1774.

Corbyn Morris to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, March 1. Princes Street.—Submits a plan for an American representation.

Autograph, third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Sir James Adolphus Oughton to [Lord Dartmouth].

1774, March 1. Caroline Park.—Explains that Dr. Ferguson, the present Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University there, having been appointed travelling tutor to Lord Chesterfield's heir, and being unwilling to part with his chair has wished for a year's leave of absence. The magistrates are not willing to grant this. Dr. Beattie stands well with them but he has made many enemies by his attack on Hume. Is urging his nomination. Sends an essay on emigration written by a Highlander. The Episcopal Church is nearly finished; subscriptions are failing. As the Commander in Chief in Scotland is generally an Englishman and no provision made for the exercise of his religion suggests that with £200 a pew could be bought in perpetuity and furnished decently for his use.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Sr Adolphus Oughton 1st March 1774, on Dr Ferguson, Dr Beattie, episcopal Church, &c.

Note.—Dr. Adam Ferguson appears later in the history of the America nwar as secretary to the Commissioners—Lord Carlisle, William Eden and Governor Johnstone, who in 1778 were sent to America to restore peace.

Minute of Council. New York.

1774, March 2. Wednesday.—Accompanied by copy of a Petition of the Inhabitants of Spencer Town Albany County to Governor Tryon.

Copy. Certified Gw. Banyar. 1¾ *and 2 pages respectively.*

Endorsed:—9/0 Paid for this Minutes Council. 2nd Coppy. Also, Extract of Minnets of Counsel of the Deseption line. New York. 3d.

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WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, March 3. Great Queen Street, Westminster.—Captain Atkins will be obliged if his Lordship will recommend him to Lord Sandwich for the command of the sloop ordered for the service of the General Survey.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

List of the Sloops of War at present not in Commission. Autograph of De Brahm. ½ *page.*

COUNT BRÜHL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, March 4. G. George Street.—John Augustus Ernst has a grant of 20,000 acres in East Florida dated May 13 1767 which he is desirous of having located. Jean André de Luc, a citizen of Geneva, is the other gentleman mentioned.

Autograph, third person. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Count Brühl 4 March 1774 recommending Mr Ernst & Mr de Luc.

The EARL OF SUFFOLK to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1774, March 5. 30 minutes past 8 a.m. Duke Street, Westminster. —Will Lord Dartmouth send him the American papers.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

LORD CHANCELLOR APSLEY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

[1774, March 6.] Sunday evening.—His opinion of the different bills being discussed in Parliament concerning Boston. States measures he considers necessary to be pursued towards the ringleaders in Boston as the past palliative ones have brought on the present situation.

Autograph letter signed. 3¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Ld Chancellor 6 March 1774 on Boston Affairs.

The KING to PARLIAMENT.

N.D. [1774, March 7, about.]—Draft of a Royal Message to the Houses of Parliament. Desiring that they will take into consideration the state of affairs in Boston and the best measures to be pursued.

1⅓ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Drat of Message original Dt.

Endorsed (on a wrapper). Drat of Motion in the House of Lords— and House of Commons.

GOVERNOR PATRICK TONYN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, March 7. Augustine.—Private Letter. No. 1. In his passage a gale of wind took them off the coast of Portugal. Was unable to

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touch at Madeira. Sends copies of a letter from Lord Barrington and his answer relative to a charge for the garrison hospital at St. Augustine. Hopes his answer to Lord Barrington will meet with his Lordship's approbation. Is concerned to find the principal inhabitants of this place divided into parties. Is afraid some oppressions have been practised by the attornies.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^{r} Tonyn 7 M^{ch} 1774. Private.

Enclosures:—

LORD BARRINGTON to GOVERNOR PATRICK TONYN.

1773, *November* 3. *War Office.—Desires the charges of Mr. Catherwood, Surgeon to the Garrison of St. Augustine, be defrayed and placed to his (Gov. Tonyn's) contingent account.*
Copy. 1 *page.*

GOVERNOR PATRICK TONYN to LORD VISCOUNT BARRINGTON.

1774, *March* 7. *Augustine.—Arrived at this place on the* 1*st instant. In the course of business Mr. Catherwood's disbursements shall be examined. A specific sum is allowed for the contingent expenses of the civil government of this province, so that his Lordship can judge with what fitness he can charge a military hospital's contingent expenses to the civil contingencies.*
Copy. 2 *pages.*

SIR JEFFERY AMHERST to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, March 9, Wednesday. Whitehall.—Transmitting the enclosed.
Autograph, third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—S^{r} Jeffery Amherst 9 March 1774 Consum. of Tea in America.

Enclosure:—

Extract of a letter from a friend in America. Concerning the importation of English and Dutch teas in America
3 *quarto pages.*

CABINET MINUTE.

1774, March 10, Thursday.—(At Lord Rochford's office.) In Lord Dartmouth's hand. Concerning the Bills for removing the port and seat of Government in Massachusetts Bay and for Indemnification.
¾ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Minute 10 March 1774.

SIR JAMES ADOLPHUS OUGHTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, March 10. Caroline Park.—Reasons given by Dr. Beattie for declining the moral philosophy chair. Recommends Lord Dalhousie for Parliament. Adjutant General Colonel Skene is now in Half Moon

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Street, Piccadilly. Canvassing for the general election is almost the sole object of attention in this country for which purpose an immense number of occasional votes have been made. Fate of the linen bill is waited for with great anxiety.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—S[r] Adol. Oughton 10 March 1774. D[r] Beattie, L[d] Dalhousie, &c.

Mr. Abercromby to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, March 12.—At Mr. Russell's Oxenden Street. Sends the enclosed note on account of seeing his Lordship abused in the Daily Ledger for laying the American papers before the House of Lords in the first instance.

Autograph, third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Abercrombie 12 March 1774. On presenting American Bills, in the *first* Instance, to the House of Lords.

Enclosure:—

Note of a Plantation Case in the House of Lords of 12 *March* 1705.

Corbyn Morris to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, March 13.—Suggesting the use of the enclosed form.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—C. Morris Esq[r]. 13 March 1774. American Tests.

Enclosure:—

Form of declaration to be made by an American magistrate before admission into office.

In Morris's hand. ¾ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Declaration of an American Magistrate.

Benjamin Barons to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, March 16. Acton, Middlesex.—Remarks on the situation of affairs since the passing of the Stamp Act. Offers his sentiments upon the natural disposition and political sentiments of the Americans.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Barons 16 March 1774. On American Affairs.

Thomas Knox Gordon to [Lord Dartmouth].

1774, March 16. Charlestown, South Carolina.—Without presuming, he would like to suggest that the son of the late naval officer of Georgia might be appointed in his place.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Gordon Ch. Jus. of S. Carolina March 16 1774 rec[d] the son of the late naval officer of Georgia.

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Lord North to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, March 17.—Settled the Bill yesterday evening. Did not adopt the Atty. General's plan. The Bill does not differ in matter from the old one but is extremely altered in form.

Autograph letter signed. 1¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L[d] North 17 March 1774. On the Boston Bill.

John Williams to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, March 17.—There are but two other harbours besides that of Boston in Massachusetts which are in any way convenient for shipping, namely, one at Casco Bay, and the other at Plimouth. If proceedings in the Massachusetts Government should occasion their charter to be vacated, submits that it would be equally just to inflict a like punishment on Rhode Island. Apprehends in this case that it would tend to promote the intended ends if Rhode Island and that part of Massachusetts lying west of New Hampshire were incorporated into one government and Maine annexed to New Hampshire.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Williams 18 March 1774. Port of Salem &c.

Enclosure:—

Paper endorsed—Extract from M[r] Williams's Report of the Port of Salem.
2 *pages.*

William Bradley to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, March 19.

Letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—W[m] Bradley Plan for a Coinage for America recom[d] by M[r] Ward.

Enclosure:—

A scheme proposed for raising the sum of four millions of specie to be coined into a particular coin for the use of America, with tables showing how it may be done.
Original. 8 *pages.*

John Willday to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, March 19. [Athe]rstone near Coventry.—Writes from a desire of rendering some service to both countries. Opines it would be much better to give up the right of taxing America, to make requisitions to their Assemblies for such aids as were wanting, and to give them seats in Parliament to enable them to assist in making laws for the good of the whole empire. The American members to have no vote for taxing Great Britain.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—John Willday Atherston 19 March conc[s] America. (And, in pencil) S[r] F. Bernard. M[r] Hutchinson.

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The Earl of Dunmore to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, March 20. Williamsburg.—Private. Hoping that his conduct has appeared to His Majesty in such a light that he may ask for his re-election as one of the sixteen peers.
Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Duplicate of the foregoing.

Governor Thomas Hutchinson to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, March 21. Boston.—Receipt of letter No. 14. Remarks as to using military aid in riots. The Chief Justice. Desire of the House to be informed of the state of the province powder and their proceedings on this point. Judges' salaries. Measures projecting in opposition to the establishment of the Post Office in America, the proposals coming from as far southward as the Committees of Pennsylvania and Maryland to the Committees of this province. The messenger who came with proposals to this province is gone forward to New Hampshire.
Copy. 5⅛ *pages.* [The signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 175, fo. 315. Copies were presented to Parliament, amongst other American papers, on the 17th May.]
Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Gov^{r} Hutchinson to the Earl of Dartmouth, dated Boston, 21st March, 1774.

Royalist Militia.

1774, March 21.—A return of Colonel John Peters' regiment in Gloucester County and Province of New York.
Original signed. 2 *folio pages.*
Endorsed:—A Return of the Gloucester Militia by Col^{o} Peters.

1774, March 21. Johnson Hall.—Return of the Militia both Horse and Foot of the Northern District of the Province of New York under the command of Sir William Johnson.
Original signed. 2 *folio pages.*
Endorsed:—To His Excell^{y} Gov^{r} Tryon, Return of the Militia of the Northern District of the Province of New York. March 21st 1774. This Return serves only for Ulster, Albany, Tryon, and Charlotte County, of which no return has been made to His Excellency Gov^{r} Tryon by the Several Colonels. Ex.

The Reverend Thomas Rankin to [Lord Dartmouth].

1774, March 30. New York.—On the state of religion in America.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Petition to the King.

[1774, March 31.]—Petition of natives of America to the King to suspend his Royal signature to the Boston Port Bill. Not signed nor

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dated but according to Force's American Archives Fourth Series Vol. I, col. 61, it was presented to the King 31 March 1774 and was signed by William Lee, Dr. Franklin, John Ellis, Jonathan Williams and others.

1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Petition of natives of America, agst the Bill for removing the Port of *Boston.*

Boston Port Bill.

N.D. [1774, March 31, passed].—Two Drafts of the Boston Port Bill and of Clauses A and B.

Peter Livius.

N.D. [1774, March 31, about].—Details of the career of Peter Livius of New Hampshire, with question and observations in reply giving extracts from Acts relating to the right of an alien to fill a place of trust in America.

2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Case of M^{r} Livius.

1774, March 31. Lincoln's Inn Fields.—Opinion of Samuel Wegg on the foregoing case—as to the right of holding office in the colonies with his cosmopolitan nationality.

In two handwritings; signed Samuel Wegg. 1 *page.*

Orders of the Lords Committees.

1774, March 31.—American papers to be laid before Committee at their next meeting.

1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Orders of the Lords Committees. In Clerk of Committee's Letter to J.P. 2 April.

Boston.

N.D. [1774, March].—Two queries concerning the port of Boston and the removal of the Custom House.

Not signed. ½ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Queries.

Colonel Petrus Ten Broeck to Governor William Tryon.

1774, April 1. Rhynobeck.—Transmitting enclosures.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—A Return of Col^{o} Ten Brocks Regim^{t} in Dutchess County.

Enclosures:—

Returns of his regiment. Twelve papers.

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GOVERNOR LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, April 2. New Man Street.—Having been appointed Governor of South Carolina and finding it impracticable to carry on his Majesty's service with any satisfaction while the affairs of the colony are in such a state of disorder and confusion, he gives the result of the inquiry he has made into them. Represents the necessity of withdrawing an instruction given in April 1770 which the colony will not submit to.

Letter signed. 7 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L[d] W. Campbell. 2 April 1774.

Enclosure:—

1771, *February* 28.—*Henry Peronneau, joint public treasurer with Benjamin Dart, Bond and securities for £20,000 for the due execution of the office.*

Copy. 2 *pages.*

The EARL OF DUNMORE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, April 2. W[illiams]burg.—Private. In behalf of Capt. Foy.

Letter signed. 1⅛ *quarto pages.*

ISAAC EDWARDS to GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON.

1774, April 3. Newbern.—In justification of a representation made against him that he took the lead in the Assembly in opposition to every measure and proposition of the Government.

Autograph letter signed. 9¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Isaac Edwards to Gov[r] Tryon.

Again Endorsed:—Isaac Edwards to Gov[r] Tryon Newbern 3[d] Apl 1774. Rec[d] June 1774. Ans.

MATTHEW BRICKDALE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, April 4. Clifton near Bristol.—Arrival of the "John" from Casco Bay. The captain reports Boston quiet and that contrition seemed to have followed violence. Governor Hutchinson was to have come over in this vessel but preparations were countermanded on account of Lieut.-Governor Oliver's indisposition.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Brickdale 4 April 1774 relative to the State of Things at Boston on the 1[st] of March, 1774.

MRS. MARIA COWPER to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, April 4. Park Street.—Desiring one year's leave of absence for Major Hore who was appointed last year Commissary of Musters and Judge Advocate in America.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[rs] Cowper, Park Street, 4[th] April, 1774, recommending Major *Hore.*

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NEW YORK.

Docquet of Lands granted by His Excelly. Wm. Tryon Esqr. Capt. Genl. and Govr. in Chief of the Province of New York. Pursuant to His Majesty's Proclamation of the 7 Octr. 1763, from the 7th September 1771 to the 5th April 1774.

6¾ *pages.*

INHABITANTS of NEW CONCORD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, April 6. New York.—Petition signed by James Savage, Agent. Concerning the settlement made by them of New Concord. Entreat that his Lordship will not permit their land to become the property of others and that he will procure instructions to the Governor to grant them the land or such part thereof, sufficient to secure them from penury and wretchedness.

2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Petition of the Inhabitants of New Concord N. York.

NEW YORK.

A docquet of lands granted by Governor William Tryon (exclusive of military grants) from 5 September 1771 to 6 April 1774.

Original signed. 2½ *pages.*

CABINET MINUTE.

1774, April 7.—(At Lord Rochford's office.) In Lord Dartmouth's hand. Consideration of the questions asked by General Gage with reference to his authority to call out the King's troops to assist in quelling disturbances without the advice of the Council of Massachusetts Bay.

2⅛ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Minute 7 April 1774. N. G.P. A. R.

Not dated. Paper headed "Questions"—probably those referred to in the foregoing Minute. If any violences should be committed, or opposition given to the execution of the Act of Parliament, (etc.) can General Gage in such cases, call in the military to his assistance without the advice and consent of the Council; and what steps should he take if he and his troops should be exposed to prosecution?

¾ *folio page.*

ORDER of the HOUSE OF LORDS.

1774, April 7. House of Lords.—Lord Dartmouth to lay before the Lords Committee extracts of papers relative to proceedings at Boston, which have been received at his office.

Signed by their Lordship's command, Matt^{w} Rob^{t} Arnott. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Order of House of Lords. April 7th 1774.

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COLONEL WILLIAM DALRYMPLE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, April 8. London.—Submits the expediency of securing Castle William at Boston to the Government.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

[LORD DARTMOUTH] to GOVERNOR THOMAS HUTCHINSON.

1774, April 9.—The King's approval of his conduct. State of his province.
Draft in Dartmouth's hand. 4⅛ *pages.*
Endorsed:—Draft to Gov^{r} Hutchinson 9 April 1774. *Private.*

A copy follows marked "addressed by Lord Dartmouth to Gov^{r} Hutchinson immediately before his sailing for England in 1774. A."

[ORDER of the HOUSE OF LORDS.]

N. D. [Qy. 1774, April 14.]—In William Knox's hand. That there be laid before the House copies or extracts of all letters and papers which have been received by His Majesty's Secretaries of State from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or other officers in Massachusetts Bay containing advices of any proceedings in opposition to or derogatory of His Majesty's Sovereignty in Parliament from 7 July 1766.
½ *page.*

LORD BARRINGTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, April 16. Cavendish Square.—Concerning Capt. Campbell. Hears the Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts is dead. Suggests the appointment of a successor on the spot lest any accident happen to General Gage.
Autograph letter signed. 2¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L^{d} Barrington 16 April 1774 relative to Capt. Campbell's Memorial, desiring military Rank.

Enclosure:—

CAPTAIN JOHN CAMPBELL to LORD VISCOUNT BARRINGTON.

Memorial. Desiring his Lordship will move the King to grant him the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in America.
Not signed. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—To the R^{t} Ho^{n}ble Lord Visco^{t} Barrington His Majestys Secretary at War. The Memorial of Captain John Campbell.

LORD MONTFORT to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, April 20.—Takes the liberty of enclosing this "poor-man's" memorial.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—L^{d} Montfort 20 April 1774 in behalf of M^{r} Randall.

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Enclosure :—

1769, *August* 9. *London.—William Randall. Memorial to [Lord Dartmouth] with a note recommending himself to succeed Mr. Oliver as Secretary of Massachusetts Bay. Remarks on the difference between the salary allowed him and that given Surveyors General of the Northern district. Gives an account of his expenses. Desires that the same salary and allowances as those of the Northern district may be made to him or that he may be restored to his former station of comptroller.*
Autograph signed. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed :—The Memorial of William Randall late Surveyor General of the Southern District in America London August 9th 1769.

The Duke of Newcastle to [Lord Dartmouth].

[1774, April 21.] Exchequer, Thursday.—Begs attention and support to Gen[l] Clinton's memorial to the Treasury, which is referred to his Lordship's board.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Charles Garth to [Lord Dartmouth].

1774, April 23. Golden Square.—Recommending Mr. Tatnell to succeed to the Naval Office of Georgia.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Sir Roger Newdigate to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, April 25. Spring Garden.—Recomg. Mr. Wm. Stephens of Georgia to be Naval Officer.
Autograph, third person. With seal (broken). 1 *quarto page.*

Colonel Elias Durnford to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, April 27. London.—Difficulty there is in obtaining fees for surveys of land made by himself or his deputies.
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed :—Col. Durnford 27 April 1774 concer[s] fees as Surv[r] general of W. Florida.

Enclosure :—

Colonel Elias Durnford to Lord Dartmouth.

Memorial. Law suits unjustly commenced against him since his departure from the Province. Difficulties in connection with his execution of the duty of Surveyor General. Hopes his Lordship will grant him redress.
Autograph signed. 2 *pages.*

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, April 28. Great Queen Street, Westminster.—Concerning his astronomical researches.
Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

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JAMES FERGUSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, April 28.—Memorial. Has fulfilled his office without any salary or other emolument than the perquisites which are so small that he finds it impossible to support himself thereupon. Desires a salary may be annexed to his appointments.

Original signed. ¾ *page.*

Endorsed:—To the Right Hon^ble^ Lord Dartmouth, Secretary of State for the Colonies First Lord of Trade &c. &c.

The humble Memorial of James Ferguson Ranger of the Woods and Forrests, and Marshal of the Court of Admiralty in West Florida.

EDWARD WEBSTER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, April 28. Lisson Green near Paddington.—Advantage of continuing the bounty granted on the importation of naval stores.

Autograph letter signed. With seal (broken). 1 *quarto page.*

MASSACHUSETTS.

N.D. [Qy. spring of 1774.]—Queries for consideration previous to the instructions to be given to General Gage and the other steps to be taken in consequence of the Act for regulating the Government of the Province of Massachusetts Bay.

Draft. 1⅔ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Mass. Bay Queries.

The EARL OF HARDWICKE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, May 8. Richmond.—Has been reading over the American Regulation Bill. His opinion and suggested alterations.

Autograph letter signed. 4¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—E. of Hardwicke 8 May 1774. Thoughts on American Bills before Parliament.

PAUL WENTWORTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, May 8. Poland Street.—Requesting an audience on American affairs.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

The REVEREND WILLIAM STRINGER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, May 14, Philadelphia.—Acknowledges his obligations to his Lordship and knows of no better way of expressing his gratitude than by acting up to his character as a clergyman. Distribution he has made of the bibles and prayer books given him by his Lordship. Knows he will be pleased to hear that his labours are blessed amongst his congregation. Mr. Persey's preaching is not acceptable. Consternation in Boston on hearing that their harbour is to be blocked up. All the colonies seem to unite to oppose the authority of Parliament. Recommends Mrs. Stringer's son.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev. M^r^ Stringer Philad. 14 May 1774.

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Major General Haldimand to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, May 15.—The accounts received before the arrival of the packet as late as 14 April had made known the plan of operations intended to bring Boston to a sense of order. It is the opinion of many people here that they will acknowledge their fault. Will defer any changes with regard to troops until he hears from General Gage. Intends suggesting the propriety of stationing a couple of regiments at Crown Point under pretence of rebuilding that fort. Has ordered a company and a half of artillery, field pieces and ammunition to Boston according to orders received from Gen[l] Gage of the 6th ultimo.

Extract. 2 *pages.* [The signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 129, fo. 287. An extract was presented to the Houses of Parliament amongst other American papers, 19 and 20 June 1775.]

Joseph Ward to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, May 20. Boston.—His opinion concerning the restoration of harmony between England and America. The violent measures which are adopted to subject the Americans will never prosper and are pregnant with ruin to the nation.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Ward Boston 20 May 1774, on American Affairs.

B. Roberts to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, May 28.—Has mentioned to his Lordship that his long acquaintance with Governor Browne has made him wish to be settled near his concerns of the Mississippi. Hears that a town is to be formed at the White Cliffs with a Lieutenant Governor who is to be dependent on the Governor of Pensacola. Gives his reasons for soliciting that appointment.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅔ *pages.*

Endorsed:—B. Roberts 28 May 1774. Ex.

Governor Sir Francis Bernard to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, May 30. Aylesbury.—Requesting an office for his son.

Letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Sir Charles Burdett to [Lord Dartmouth].

1774, June 2. Roxbury near Boston in New England.—Gives an account of his family connections. Appointments he has held in America. Desires his Lordship will use his influence to procure him a better collectorship or some more lucrative employment. Should the place of commissioner of the Customs for America be vacated by Mr. Robinson would be glad to succeed to that or any other profitable collectorship.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed:—S[r] Cha. Burdet Roxbury N. Eng[d] 2 June 1774.

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AMERICAN TRADE.

1774, June 9.—Printed letter from J. Massie addressed to The Principal Landholders of England and to the Principal Citizens of London. Announcing the titles of three treatises he proposes to publish on the subject of commerce with Europe and the British American colonies.

2 *pages.*

COLONEL WILLIAM DALRYMPLE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, June 14. Great Pulteney Street.—Soliciting preferment.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, June 16. Lower Grosvenor Street.—Private. Desires to know the conduct he should pursue in so delicate an affair, wishing to serve North Carolina and at the same time avoid giving offence to Governor Martin.

Autograph, third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Gov^{r} Tryon 16 June 1774 *private* with papers concern^{g} N. Carolina.

Enclosures:—

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY to the KING.

Address. Signed John Harvey, Speaker. Express their loyalty. Considered as the "reservoir" which chiefly supplies the materials for framing and supporting the British Navy, claim in this regard the favourable notice of Government. Set forth the disadvantages arising to them from the instruction given to their present Governor with reference to the terms upon which only he will give his assent to a law for establishing Courts of Justice. Desire the restoration of those privileges they have hitherto enjoyed in the process by attachments in common with their sister colonies.

Original. 5¾ *pages.*

COMMITTEE of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY to GOVERNOR TRYON of New York.

Address signed by John Harvey and seven others. Complaining of the difference in the system of laws which their Governor has been instructed by His Majesty to introduce. Upon this account they have addressed the King and desire that his Excellency will convey it for them and support their solicitations. The application of the Assembly to him is the result of affection and a firm reliance upon his future efforts in their favour.

Original signed. 2⅔ *pages.*

GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON to GOVERNOR JOSIAH MARTIN.

1774, *February* 15. *New York.—Is much concerned to find he has met with so many difficulties in his public transactions.*

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Enclosures—cont.

Cannot accept of the compliment paid him. Is amazed at the Deputy Auditor's conduct, which he condemns. Since the calamity at Fort George both he and Mrs. Tryon have been extremely ill. Intends sailing in the spring for England.

Abstract, signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^r Tryon to Gov^r Martin New York 15 *feb^y* 1774.

GOVERNOR JOSIAH MARTIN to GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON.

1774, *April* 5. *New Bern, North Carolina.—Cannot forego this opportunity to make his adieus before Tryon's departure. Knowing the interest he takes in the welfare of North Carolina and in order to prevent the ill impressions he may receive with regard to his own proceedings at the late session, he lays before him a few facts, and leaves him to comment upon them at his leisure.*

Autograph letter signed. 7½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^r Martin Newbern 5 *Ap^l* 1774. *Rec^d in London June* 1774. *Ans^r.*

RICHARD REEVE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, June 17, Saturday afternoon, [should be 18]. No. 17, Strand.—Sends, for his Lordship's information, the enclosed which is written by a principal officer in the Customs in the port of Philadelphia.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—R^d Reeve 17 June 1774 with Extract of a Letter from Philadelphia.

Enclosure:—

1774, *May* 15. *Extract of a letter from Philadelphia. The sober part of the people now say it will be right to pay for the destruction of the tea at Boston and the losses incurred by sending it back from this place and New York and to petition for a repeal of the act. Commends the measure of removing the officers of the Customs from Boston and the appointment of General Gage to that government as being very wise and giving a degree of credit to administration. Hopes it will end in good order, quiet, and a respect to the laws.*

1 *page.*

GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON.

1774, June 21. London.—Receipts and disbursements. Taken from he account of Mess^rs Drummond.

2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A State of Governor Tryon's Disbursements taken from the Acc^t of Mess^rs Drummonds Bankers exclusive of those from the Provincial Emoluments & King's Salary in New York.

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MARYLAND.

1774, June 22–25.—Proceedings at a meeting of the Committee appointed by the several counties of the Province of Maryland at the city of Annapolis the 22nd June 1774 and continued by adjournment from day to day until the 25th day of same month. Containing ten resolutions touching various Acts of Parliament, non-importation, union with other colonies and a general congress, and an order that copies be transmitted to the committees of correspondence for the several colonies and also published in the Maryland Gazette.
Printed. 1¾ *pages.*

The DUKE OF PORTLAND to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, June 25, Saturday. Welbeck.—Recommending Lord Torrington for the government of New York.
Autograph letter signed. 1⅛ *quarto pages.*

ROYALIST MILITIA.

1774, June 25, London.—Governor William Tryon. A State of the Militia of the Province of New York drawn out from the Returns that have been made since the Fire at Fort George of the 29th December 1773 wherein was consumed a complete state of the Militia.
Original signed. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—State of the Militia of the Province of New York In 1774. Ex.

BÉRET TAVEL to MONS. DE WALLTRAVERS.

1774, June 28. London.—Remarks on Lord Dartmouth's offer of land in East Florida. Gives his opinion concerning the nature of the soil in those parts.
Letter signed. With seal. 3⅔ *pages. French.*

FIRE at FORT GEORGE, NEW YORK.

1774, June 28. London.—An Inventory of the Furniture which was destroyed in His Excellency Governor Tryon's house in Fort George in New York the 29 December 1773. Signed by Governor William Tryon. For the Earl of Dartmouth. Beginning with the pictures in the Council Chamber—King William and Queen Ann, King George the first, King George the second and Queen etc. etc.
23 *pages.*

Endorsed:—N. York Inventory of Furniture, Plate &c° &c° &c°. destroyed by the Fire in Fort George, the 29th of December 1773.

JOHN CAMBEL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

("A copy of a memorial delivered to his Lordship in May or June 1774.")—For a grant of 1200 acres of land on the Mississippi in the province of West Florida to himself and certain other lands to several persons whom he names.
Copy. Signed. 1⅔ *pages.* [The original Memorial is described in the Catalogue of Lord Dartmouth's MSS. previously issued, 11th Report, Appendix, Part V., p. 354.]
Endorsed:—Engineer Cambel's Memorial for Land.

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Governor Thomas Hutchinson.

1774, July 1.—Paper marked C. Conversation between the King, Lord Dartmouth and Mr. Hutchinson. Copied verbatim from Mr. H's Journal. It begins, "Received a card from Ld. Dartmouth desiring to see me at his house before one o'clock. I went soon after 12." Recounts his introduction to the King. Conversation on the shutting of the Boston port. His Majesty's favourable opinion of Hutchinson's administration. On the betrayal of the latter's private letters and on Messrs. Hancock, Cushing and Adams. Forms of religion in the Colonies. Further enquiries made by the King as to Hutchinson's administration and to the state of the province and the other colonies. [Printed in the Diary and Letters of Thomas Hutchinson, Vol. I., 157.]

Accompanying this is a document marked "B. Copy of Marginal Note in the late Gov. Hutchinson's MS History of Massachusets Bay." This relates to the procuring and sending to America of his private letters. Reference is made to the duel between Mr. Temple and Mr. Whately, the appearance in the Public Advertiser of a letter by Dr. Franklin, the hearing of the case on 9 January 1774, Mr. Wedderburn's speech and the statement made by the Agent of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts against the Governor and Lieut. Governor. "The manner in which these letters were obtained was never fully discovered . . . ., they must have been unfairly obtained from Mr. Whately in his lifetime . . . . From some circumstances there were strong grounds to suppose, that they had been in the possession of another person, a Member of Parliament, by whom they had been communicated to Dr Franklin; but Governor Hutchinson, upon information given him, thought it prudent to discourage further inquiry, which would increase the number or malevolence of his avowed enemies." [*See* note on page 170.]

20 *quarto pages and* 3⅓ *pages respectively.*

The Earl of Hardwicke to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, July 3. Richmond.—Congratulates on so happy a beginning of his American plan. Warns against insisting on an express acknowledgment of the right of taxation but a general recognition of legislative power is no more than necessary. His satisfaction at Hutchinson's acquittal.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—E. of Hardwicke. 3 July 1774. Thoughts on American Affairs.

Governor Thomas Hutchinson to [Lord Dartmouth].

1774, July 3. Parliament Street.—Remarks concerning the Council of Massachusetts. Difficulty of arranging precedence.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Govr Hutchinson 3 July 1774 *private.*

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, July 5. Great Queen Street, Westminster.—"My Lord I should have waited for Dr Horsleys decision in regard to my Tables,

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but the necessity of preparing for the approaching expedition of my Gl Survey admitted no longer suspension as otherwise I should have been obliged to set out unprepared for this new method of levelling Streams Rivers &c., consequently not ben able to add this operation to that of fixing every place in its precise Latitude and Longitude, M[r] de Luc's prescribed formula would increase the fatigue of my Calculation afresh, which I have been obliged to lessen by constructing Zonical Tables, to which I have added also the labor of constructing Atmospherical Tables so as they are in this present form adjoined to a small Treatise which I beg leave to deliver to Your Lordship for His Majesty. I shall in a week's time have it in my power to present Your Lordship with a Copy to be added to my Reports, which and my self I beg leave also to recommend to your Lordships protection and am most respectfully, My Lord, Your Lordships most obedient and most humble serv[t] W. G. de Brahm."

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

MAJOR PHILIP SKENE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, July 5.—Ballymote near Boyle. Items of intelligence.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Maj[r] Skene 5 July 1774. On Irish & American Affairs.

Enclosure:—

GOVERNOR WILLIAM FRANKLIN to [MAJOR PHILIP SKENE].

1774, *May* 3. *Philadelphia.—Thanks for information as to what passed between Major Skene and Lord Dartmouth respecting himself. Was conscious that he had not given any just cause of offence to Government, but his friendly letter was exceedingly well timed.*

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

The HONOURABLE MRS. D. CHETWYND to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, July 11. St. James's.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Hon. M[rs] Chetwynd 11 July 1774, relative to her Lands in America.

GOVERNOR THOMAS HUTCHINSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, July 11. Parliament Street.—Speaks of enclosing a letter and a newspaper. Is not fearful of consequences, especially as after the receipt of the two bills they are taking measures to obtain relief. Cannot express his obligation with regard to Lady Dartmouth presenting his daughter to the Queen.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov[r] Hutchinson 11 July 1774.

PETER LIVIUS to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

.774, July 11.—Sending, according to his Lordship's direction, the enclosed memorial.

Autograph letter signed. ½ *page.*

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Enclosure :—

MEMORIAL to the LORDS OF THE TREASURY.

1774, *July* 12. *London.—Desiring a salary may be allowed his office of Chief Justice of New Hampshire.*
Signed. 1⅓ *pages.*

COLONEL J. BURGOYNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, July 12. Tingrith near Wodburn.—In favour of Captain Grant whose memorial he encloses.
Autograph letter signed. 2⅔ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed :—Col. Burgoyne 12 July 1774, with the Memorial of Cap[n] Grant.

Enclosure :—

CAPTAIN JOHN GRANT to the BOARD OF TRADE.

1774, *July* 11. *London.—Petition. Account of his services for the King. Is now desirous of settling in North America and hopes for the lot of a field officer. Prays his Lordship to move the King to grant him lands in New York.*
1 *page.*
Endorsed :—Petition Capt[n] Grant to the Lords of Trade 11th July 1774.

C. WILLIAMOS to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, July 12. St. James's Place.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed :—M[r] Williamos. 12 July 1774, desiring to succeed M[r] Colden as Surveyor &c. of N. York.

GOVERNOR MONTFORT BROWNE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, July 13. Cowes (Isle of White).—Difficulty of getting out of port on account of bad weather. Is very disappointed to find Mr. Atwood does not intend going out with him. Hopes his Lordship will think of his request with respect to fixing Dartmouth Town on his township. Wishes that Engineer Cambel may return to his duty, as he promised to superintend a church Browne proposes building on the Mississippi.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed :—Gov[r] Browne Cowes July 13 1774.

The BISHOP OF LONDON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, July 14. Tunbridge Wells.—At the desire of the Clergy of New York transmits the enclosed address which has been sent to him without a seal, that he might be informed of the contents, and thus recommend it to his Lordship's protection. Dr. Cooper of New York mentions an appeal of Governor Tryon in a case between Mr. Bloomer the minister, and the churchwardens of the parish of Jamaica in that

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province. Refers to the intended addition to the salary of the three Protestant ministers in Quebec.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *large quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Bp of London. 14 July 1774, on an Episcopate at N. York.

Enclosure:—

EPISCOPAL CLERGY of NEW YORK and NEW JERSEY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, *May* 18. *New York.—Address of the Episcopal Clergy of the Provinces of New York and New Jersey met in Convention. Desiring his Lordship's friendly interposition in behalf of the National Church in His Majesty's American Plantations. Disadvantages in the want of an Episcopate.*

Original. Signed Samuel Auchmuty D.D., Thomas B. Chandler, D.D., and three others. 8 *quarto pp.*

[LORD DARTMOUTH] to [the EPISCOPAL CLERGY of NEW YORK and NEW JERSEY].

1774, July 14.—Acknowledging receipt of their letter of 18 May through the hands of the Bishop of London. Assurances of his hearty concurrence with them in their sentiments and wishes on the great and important subject of an American Episcopate upon the wise and equitable plan proposed. Promises to use his efforts in the matter.

Autograph copy. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Comᵉᵉ of Episᶜˡ Clergy N. York. 18 May 1774.

GEORGE SUCKLING to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, July 15. *Autograph letter signed.* 2⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mʳ Suckling 15 July 1774 desirᵍ Employmᵗ.

MAJOR PHILIP SKENE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, July 16. Ballymote near Boyle.—Quotes a letter from his son at Skenesborough touching the confusion over the New Hampshire settlers.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Majʳ Skene 16 July 1774 concᵍ Settlers on the Back of N. Hampshire.

CHARLES GARTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, July 25. Devizes.—Papers he has placed before Mr. Pownall relative to the proceedings of the Assembly of South Carolina in March last. Gives his thoughts upon what he considers proper to be communicated to his Lordship.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mʳ Garth 26 July 1774.

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FREDERICK MONTAGU to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, July 30. Popplewick.—Remarks how the newspapers contradict each other with regard to American affairs. Hopes that the reported determination of the Government to adopt healing measures is true. Has had two letters from Mr. Gordon. He hopes to be a pillar of the government which his Lordship, Wharton and Pitt are founding in Vandalia.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—F. Montagu Esq^r 30 July 1774.

[ ] to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, August 3.—Signed "A Friend to y^e Publick." Being informed that M^r Neave is applying for a grant of land in America, takes the liberty of acquainting that he is credibly informed the land is supposed to contain copper ore.

Autograph. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Anon. concerns copper mine in America.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, August 4. Dartmouth Street, Westminster.—Thanks him for his patronage by which Lord North reinstated him in his provincial office of East Florida. Shows that even now he is not on a footing with Mr Holland. Reasons which detain him in London.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r De Brahm 12 Aug. 1774 on his Surveys.

JOHN POWNALL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

[1774, August 4.] Thursday night.—Has conversed with the Attorney-General who thinks Dyer's case a foolish unconsidered proceeding on the part of General Gage and Admiral Montagu. No facts are charged on him or others for which they could be tried or prosecuted here. All Dyer says about the destruction of the tea is mere hearsay. He should be immediately released.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—J. Pownall 4 Aug. 1774, on Dyer's Case & Destruction of Tea at Boston.

SAMUEL LEE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, August 5. Manchester, New England.—Enclosing a letter to His Majesty.

Autograph letter signed. 2¼ *pages.*

Endorsed:—S. Lee Manchester in N. England Aug. 5 1774.

Enclosure:—

SAMUEL LEE to the KING.

1774, *August* 5. *Manchester, New England.—Gives his opinion concerning the parliamentary measures pursued towards America by Great Britain.*

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

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SAMUEL LEE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, August 5. Manchester, New England.—Gives a short sketch of a plan for a British and American reconciliation and agreement in establishing an East India Company; in paying 5 p. c. on all profits and a fifth part of all gold and silver mines.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅓ *pages.*

RESOLVES of the COLONY of VIRGINIA.

At a meeting of the deputies of the several counties at Williamsburg from 1st to 6th August 1774 to consider and agree upon an Association of non-importation of British goods.

MS. 3½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Resolves of Virginia Aug. 1774.

The EARL OF H[ARDWICKE] to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, August 7. Wrest.—Thoughts on American Affairs.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

PETER LIVIUS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, August 8. Tunbridge.—His ill-health makes him wish to remain in the country as much as he can. There is now an additional reason for expediting his business, the General Assembly having proceeded so far with their votes that the Governor has dissolved them which will not be very likely to pacify matters. Necessity for his presence in New Hampshire. Desires his Lordship will speedily dispatch him there. Prays he may be allowed to present his memorial to the Treasury.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Livius.

The DUKE and DUCHESS OF NORTHUMBERLAND to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, August 8. Alnwick Castle.—With reference to Lord Percy's safe arrival at Boston.

Autograph letter in the third person. ½ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—D. of Northumberland 8 Aug. 1774 Thanks for Information con[s] L[d] Percy.

LORD NORTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, August 12. Saturday. Bushy Park.—"The paper which M[r] Tryon shewed me at the Treasury could hardly be called an account."

Autograph letter signed. 3¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Lord North 12 Aug. 1774, on Gov[r] Tryon's Claim's upon Gov[t].

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GOVERNOR ROBERT EDEN to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, August 15. Conduit Street.—Thinks it his duty (in the present crisis) and proposes returning to Maryland.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Gov^{r} Eden Aug. 15 1774, on his Departure to Maryland.

GOVERNOR THOMAS HUTCHINSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, August 16. London.—Expresses his astonishment at hearing of Temple's acknowledgement that he had seen the letters among Mr. Whately's files and that he had them in his possession in a packet directed to Doctor Franklin. Desires his Lordship will endeavour to obtain further information on the subject.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—*Private* Gov^{r} Hutchinson 16 Aug. 1774.

The HONOURABLE HENRY (?) WILMOT to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, August 16. Bloomsbury Square.—Upon the subject of deeds belonging to Lord Dartmouth. The postscript refers to a letter received from Pennsylvania.

Letter signed. 2⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Hon. (*concealed by wafer*) Wilmot Esq^{r} 16 Aug. 1774.

GEORGE REYNOLDS to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, August 23. No. 1, Laurence Poultny Lane, Cannon Street.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Reynolds 23 Aug. 1774 conc^{s} Gov^{t} on the Mississippi. 1 Inclosure. Copy of a Letter from N. York, 5 July 7774.

Enclosure:—

COLONEL ROBERTSON to J M.

1774, *July 5. New York.—The sentiments of the people of Boston. Mentions one Adams, a poor man, with very powerful wrangling abilities, who governs in the Assemblies. Gives information concerning Massachusetts.*

Copy. 2 quarto pages.

GOVERNOR PATRICK TONYN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, August 26. St. Augustine.—No. 2. Private. Considers it would be highly wrong to make a settlement upon the land located by Mr. Wooldridge under the present circumstances of the province. Describes that which he has directed the Surveyor General to run out for his Lordship at the head of Hillsborough River. Recommends Mr. Alexander Gray.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^{r} Tonyn. 26 Aug. 1477 *Private.*

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WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, August 30. Dartmouth Street, Westminster.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Debrahm 31 Aug. —74 desiring Mr Ferguson Appointment as his Assistant.

JOHN BLACKBURN to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, August 31. Wednesday. Scots Yard.—Gives intelligence received in various letters concerning the state of New York.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Blackburne 31 Aug. 1774, inclosing Resolves of the Committee of N. York.

Enclosure:—

COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE in NEW YORK.

1774, *July* 13. *Committee Chamber.—Proceedings. Containing ten resolutions on the subject of the infringement of their rights by recent Acts of Parliament and an order that the same be printed and distributed in hand bills.*
1 *printed page.*

The EARL OF HARDWICKE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, August 31. Wrest.—On American Affairs. Expresses his acknowledgments for the obliging attention given to his letters. Apprehends the worst consequences if, after the first Congress has been allowed to be held, the colonists, feeling their own strength, should agree to hold annual ones or form associations for self-defence.
Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

WILLIAM MOLLESON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, August 31. America Square, Crutched Friars.—Apologises for sending enclosures which he had hoped to do through means of Lord Marchmont. Would like an audience.
Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Molleson 31 Aug. 1774.

Enclosures:—

Extract of a letter from Maryland to William Molleson. On the resolutions passed at a general meeting of committees from the several counties of this province. Encloses a private copy. Every newspaper justifies the assertion that they contain the sense of America in general.
2¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a letter from Maryland to —— Molleson Esqr 1774.

1774, *June* 22–25.—*Proceedings of a Meeting of the Committees appointed by the several counties of Maryland, at the city of Annapolis the* 22*nd day of June* 1774, *and continued by*

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adjournment from day to day, till the 25th day of the same month. Containing ten resolutions etc. same as above under this date.

Printed. 1¾ *pages.*

GOVERNOR PATRICK TONYN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, August 31. St. Augustine.—No. 3. Private. If Mr. Ernst comes out, will show him every attention. Has given the Surveyor General directions, conformable to his requests. It will afford him great pleasure to be of service.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^r^ Tonyn 31 Aug. 1774. *Private.*

The REVEREND JOHN VARDILL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, September 1. No. 33, Suffolk Street, Charing Cross.—Soliciting his Lordship's countenance on the present occasion and hinting at the position in which he desires to be placed.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Vardill 1 Sep^r^ 1774, relative to Religion in America.

Enclosure:—

Observations on the appointment of an American Bishop. In the Reverend John Vardill's hand. "The Equity and Utility of such a Measure seems no longer doubted. The only Question now is whether an immediate appointment would be seasonable." Gives his reasons for determining in the affirmative.

1¾ *quarto pages.*

COLONEL T. HOWARD to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, September 3. Earsham, near Bungey, Suffolk.—Apologises for both his friends and himself having been troublesome upon the subject of American Governments. Desires to succeed Sir Wm. Johnson.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

EARL GOWER to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, September 5. Trentham.—The draft to Lord Dunmore seems both proper and necessary but cannot take it upon himself to write purposely to him. Hopes the accounts from North America are more favourable than those given in the newspapers, if not, fears for a short and troublesome session of Parliament.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Earl Gower Sept. 5, 1774, relative to L^d^ Dunmore.

The REVEREND JOHN VARDILL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, September 5. Suffolk Street.—Application he makes in behalf of the College of New York. Desires Lord Dartmouth's interest with the King on the subject.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev^d^ M^r^ Vardill 12 Sep^t^ 1774.

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The Reverend William Gordon, Rector of Mobile, to the Board of Trade.

1774, September 6. Mobile.—Petition for land on the River Mobile.
Original signed. ¾ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Petition of the Rev^{d} W^{m} Gordon for a Mandamus for 4,000 *Acres.*

Sir Gilbert Elliot to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, September 7. Moule near Keswick, by Carlisle.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—S^{r} Gil. Elliot 7 Sep^{r} 1774, rec^{s} M^{r} Jauncey to be of the Council of N. York.

Captain Grant to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, September 7. Margaret Street, Cavendish Square.—Desires to pay his respects in person. Wishes to convey some ideas concerning America.

Autograph letter signed Jo^{n} Grant. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Capt^{n} Grant 9 Sep^{t} 1774 on American Lands, Granted to Officers &c.

Peter Duval to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, September 10. Hackney.—A civil government soon to be established a few miles from the Natchez on the Mississippi. Governor Brown's reasons for such an establishment. Desires the post of secretary and receiver of quit rents.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Duval 12 Sep^{r} 1774. Soliciting an Office in W. Florida.

Edmund Fanning to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, September 12. New Bond Street, London.—The improved state of health of Mr. Colden, the Surveyor General of New York, cancels application for that office. Asks for the appointment of Chief Justice of Jamaica.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Fanning 12 Sep^{r} 1774, for the office of Ch. Justice of Jamaica.

General Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, September 14. Montreal.—Communicates the contents of a letter of 8 August received from New York which mentions the arrival of the June packet with dispatches for Gage; it is concluded they contain the new Acts regarding Boston; these will be the touchstone to try the mettle of the men of Massachusetts; the preparations for the General Congress go on and the deputies chosen are not of a spirit to propose healing measures; General Lee has gone to influence Rhode

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Island, thence to Boston where his admiration for Gage, and his hatred for Government must lead him to some inconsistencies. Quotes from a letter of 3 August from another hand, stating the bad humour circulating through the Colonies, the fears that the General Congress will be unanimous in a non-importation agreement, and remarking that upon the want of virtue at home the colonists rely for carrying every contested point.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—S[r] Jeff. Amherst, 14 Sep[r] 1774.

List of Letters.

From Colonel Howard and various persons on American affairs, the dates ranging from 31 January to 14 September 1774. With a note of the contents of each letter.

2¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—List.

Edmund Fanning to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, September 16. New Bond Street, London.—Rests his pretensions to the consideration of His Majesty's Ministers, on his sufferings in the cause of Government, and on Lord Dartmouth's goodness.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Fanning 16 Sept[r] 1774, with Thanks for a L[r] rec[d] from E. of Dartmouth.

General Gage to Governor Hutchinson.

1774, September 17.—Postscript of a letter dated Boston 17th September 1774 referred to in General Gage's letter of the . . . September to Lord Dartmouth. In Mr. Knox's hand. Suggests suspending the execution of the Acts for a time that the Province might send home Deputies, and, in the meantime, to prepare for the worst, Hanoverians and Hessians may be hired, for by all appearances "these provinces must be first totally subdued before they will obey and a powerful Force must in that case be employ'd."

1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from Gen[l] Gage to Gov[r] Hutchinson dated Boston 17 Sept. 1774.

Governor Thomas Hutchinson to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, September 20. Golden Square.—With list on a scrap of paper of 11 Members of Council. Private letters received from New England he is sending to Lord Dartmouth. Judgment that may be made from Mr. Erving's account of the state of the province. Information to be found in a newspaper of August 15.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—(With the two following). Gov[r] Hutchinson 20 & 21 Sep[r] 1774.

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GOVERNOR THOMAS HUTCHINSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

[1774], September 20, p.m.—Mr. Royall has declined, which Hutchinson thinks is very well. Reasons for thinking it probable that Messrs. Danforth, Erving, and Green will finally decline.
Autograph, third person. ¾ *quarto page.*

GOVERNOR THOMAS HUTCHINSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, September 21. Golden Square.—Remarks upon letters he is sending. Narrates a circumstance which must facilitate the execution of the Act for changing the Council. States that Winthrop, Hancock, and Doctor Cooper are members of the Corporation.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

LIST OF LETTERS.

From Governor Hutchinson and others, the dates ranging from 1 March to 21 September 1774, with a note of the contents of each.
1¾ *folio pages.*
Endorsed:—List.

CABINET MINUTE.

1774, September 29.—Held at Lord North's in Downing Street. Upon the advisability of dissolving Parliament, and calling a new one.
¾ *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Minute of Cabinet 29 Sep[t] 1774.

JAMES IRELAND to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, September 30.—Steps taken by the Americans upon their resolution to receive no teas from England. Orders are sent to Holland and vessels are now cruising to the westward and as high as the Isle of Ascension to meet with French and other India ships in order to purchase tea of them. Address at Bordeaux where Dartmouth may write, should any other particulars be desired.
Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—M[r] Ireland Bristol 1774.

EXTRACT of a LETTER from CONNECTICUT.

[? 1774, September].—Believes they support Government and execute the laws with more firmness than any colony on the continent. There are some few persons who take the utmost pains to provoke the people in order to meet with some insult and thereby gain favour with the Ministry. One of these is a Mr. Peters, a clergyman in Connecticut, a man of mean character. He annoyed the people to the utmost of his power and is now gone to Boston to put himself under the protection of General Gage and from there is bound to London. Warns against the tales he may tell.
2¼ *pages.*
Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from Connecticut relative to Rev[d] M[r] *Peters.*

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Cabinet Minute.

1774, October 3. Monday.—Held at Lord North's house. Lord Dartmouth communicated the dispatches received on Saturday last from General Gage and Admiral Graves. State of affairs in New England to be further considered at another meeting. Advisability of consulting the Admiralty upon the expediency of sending two or three ships of war with a detachment from the marines to Boston immediately.

¾ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Minute of Cabinet Oct. 4 1774.

Governor William Tryon to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, October 4. London.—Nominates James Jauncey, junior, Colonel William Bayard, and David Colden to serve in the Council of New York.

Letter signed. ¾ *folio page.*

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, October 10, at noon. Dartmouth Street, Westminster.—Reasons given by Mr. Ramus for the detention of the Treasury letter. Refers to the conditional delivery of his (De Brahm's) commission into Lord Dartmouth's hand. His suspension now taken off and his character approved by the Treasury. Compares his salary etc. with that of Mr. Holland. Desires he may be put on an equality with him, and continued in his provincial office.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, October 11.—Reduced situation of Mrs. De Brahm's father in St. Augustine. In his younger days he held the post of Sheriff of Maryland. Wishes to renew the deputation he gave his father-in-law in 1767 at Governor Grant's desire. Hopes his Lordship will approve and endorse the appointment.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Pierre Roubaud to [Lord Dartmouth].

1774, October 11. Volburg.—His sentiments concerning the present state of America. Remarks on the measures being pursued by Government.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages. French.*

Lord Barrington to [Lord Dartmouth].

1774, October 14. Bath.—Gunpowder on board a vessel at Plymouth, bound for North America. His advice to the Collector of Customs. Considers it right to acquaint his Lordship, but does not know by what authority it can be stopped.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Bath 14th October 1774. Lord Visct Barrington R/ 18th C.

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WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, October 14. Dartmouth Street, Westminster.—With Lord Dartmouth's approbation he will date and sign the enclosed letter to his son-in-law in his presence. He has advised Mr. Fairland, who is going to St. Augustine, to beg his Lordship's commands for that place. Desires the Governor may be informed of his (de Brahm's) re-establishment.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to FREDERIC GEORGE MULCASTER.

He has appointed his brother Attorney on behalf of Mulcaster's children. Instructions he has given. He appoints Mulcaster his deputy in the provincial office, during the time he (the writer) will be able to continue the service of general survey and no longer. His allowance to his son-in-law and to his grandchildren, also to John Row.

Autograph letter not signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

NEWSPAPER CUTTING.

1774, October 14–16.—Containing, amongst other items, Extracts of letters from Plymouth and Portsmouth 14 and 16 October as to the arrival and departure of frigates &c. for America, extract of a letter from an officer in the camp at Boston dated 24 August, and Mr. Burke's speech from the hustings at Bristol.

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GENERAL GAGE.

1774, June 26 to October 17.—Excerpts from letters of General Thomas Gage. Measures taken by several gentlemen to persuade the people to comply with the Act of Parliament to save Boston from ruin. Town-meeting at Boston; endeavours to annihilate the Committee of Correspondence proved ineffectual. Protest made by gentlemen of Worcester County. Disposition of the people; civil government is near its end. Gage despairs of any overtures he has endeavoured to make, unless they come recommended by the Continental Congress. Quotations from two enclosures in his letter of 20 September No. 13. Judges of the Inferior Court of the County of Hants in Massachusetts Bay called to meet the mob, to hear allegations against them. Concessions which they were compelled to sign. An anonymous account of the proceedings against the Inferior Court at Springfield in the County of Hampshire.

Extracts. 8¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Excerpts from some of Gen[l] Gage's Letters.

WILLIAM EDEN to JOHN POWNALL.

1774, October 18. Tuesday, 11 a.m.—Directions to Sir Joseph Yorke at the Hague in case the Rhode Islander should not have sailed, to obtain if possible the re-landing and detention of her cargo, either as an

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act of power on the part of the Dutch Minister, or under some pretext of contraband trade.

Autograph letter signed. With seal. ¾ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—18th October 1774. Mr Eden, J.P. R/ do A.

Note from John Pownall.

[1774, after October 18.]—Account of steps taken upon intelligence received from Sir Joseph Yorke of a vessel loading at Amsterdam with firearms.

Autograph, not signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Note from Mr Pownall.

General Gage to the Provincial Congress.

1774, October 20. Boston.—Minute of 20 October containing General Gage's Answer to the Address of the Provincial Congress dated Province House October 17. In Governor Hutchinson's hand.

1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Genl Gage's Answr to the Address of the Provincial Congress 20 Octr 1774.

The Reverend John Vardill to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, October 21. London.—Quotes from a letter which he has received from New York. Injury done to the fair trader by these smugglers (*see* Endorsement), added to the great number of those who import tea from Holland.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Rev. Mr Vardill Oct. 21, 1774, relative to a smuggling Vessel at the Isle of Ascension.

J. Allen to Lord [Dartmouth].

1774, October 22. Shrewsbury.—Enclosure sent from Hardwick by Mrs. Powys; presumes she wishes it forwarded to his Lordship.

Autograph letter signed. ½ *folio page. Mutilated. With seal.*

Enclosure:—

B. Allen to Thomas Powys.

1774, *July. Frederick County, Maryland.—Inhabitants upon the Ohio driven into the interior parts of the country by the Indians. Alarm caused by their critical situation with Great Britain. Speaks of transmitting resolves of Maryland* [*qy. see above 22–25 June.*] *Refers to a scheme of non-importation proposed in* 1768 *to merchants of Philadelphia by Boston and New York Committees. State to which he is reduced; his living is three years in arrear and the present disturbances form a good pretext for non-payment. Desires the post of Collector of His Majesty's Customs upon the North Potomac. Mr. Bennet convicted here from Shrewsbury, is now in Philadelphia.*

Autograph letter signed. 2 folio pages.

Endorsed:—Allen, Maryland.

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WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, October 28. Dartmouth Street, Westminster.—His resolution to submit to his Lordship's orders and directions. Reasons for arranging matters as he has, with regard to Messrs. Mulcaster and Row, who have been instruments in Governor Grant's hands. Explains his inability to give up the £100 per annum. Memorial he will be obliged to lay before his Lordship, to have an additional sum allowed him by Parliament.

Autograph letter signed. 2 large folio pages.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, October 30. Boston.—Private. Detection of Samuel Dyer in enticing soldiers to desert; was carried to England by the Admiral. Has returned with an affidavit he made before the Lord Mayor. Statements false; the man a vagabond. General Gage is pleased his conduct is approved by His Majesty and Ministers. He is chagrined his endeavours have not met with better success. Belief current at Philadelphia that the Continental Congress has insisted that Boston shall pay for the tea. His concern that affairs have gone to so great a length that Great Britain cannot yield without giving up all her authority, unless some submission is shown on the part of the Colonies. Complaints made against him to the Continental Congress. Enclosures. Treatment received by a clergyman named Peters, who was driven here from Connecticut. M[r] Ingersoll, who was obliged to fly from his home in Berkshire County, goes by this conveyance.

Duplicate letter signed. 5½ folio pages. [The autograph signed letter with enclosures is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 130, fo. 29.]

Endorsed:—Gen[l] Gage Oct[r] 30, 1774.

Enclosures:—

P[EYTON] R[ANDOLPH], on behalf of the General Congress, to LIEUTENANT-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE.

1774, *October* 10. *Philadelphia.—Newspaper cutting* 5⅛″ × 3″. *That Genl. Gage would discontinue the fortifications in and about Boston, prevent invasions of private property, restrain the irregularities of the soldiers, and give orders for open communication between town and country.*

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to the HONOURABLE PEYTON RANDOLPH.

1774, *October* 20. *Boston.—" Representations should be made with Candour, and Matters stated exactly as they stand . . . no man's property has been seized or hurt, except the King's . . . No troops have given less cause for complaint . . . but insults and provocations are daily given to both Officers and Soldiers. The communication between the Town and Country is free and unmolested . . . It gives me pleasure that you are endeavouring at a cordial reconciliation with the mother country; which from what has transpired, I have despaired of . . . I have endeavoured to be a mediator, if I could*

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establish a foundation to work upon. . . . I should hope that decency and moderation here would create the same disposition at home . . ."

Copy. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—*Copy of a Letter from General Gage, to the Hon*ble *Payton Randolph Esq*r *President of the American Continental Congress, sitting at Philadelphia. Dated Boston October* 20th 1774.

[Lord Dartmouth] to the Lords of the Admiralty.

1774, October.—Transmits letter from Sir Joseph Yorke to the Earl of Suffolk. They are to despatch a sloop or cutter to Amsterdam and the commander on his arrival is to send some trusty person with the enclosed letter to Sir Joseph from whom he will hear whether the Rhode Island vessel has, or has not sailed. Further instructions on this subject.

Draft. Not signed. 2 *pages.* [Another draft is in the Public Record Office, Holland, Vol. 657.]

Endorsed:—Dr[t] to L[ds] Admiralty B.

Extract of a Letter from New York.

1774, November 7.—Reasons for it being impolitic to call the Assemblies together at this time. Proceedings of Congress very generally disliked in this place. Considers this Province the most moderate and peaceable of any upon the Continent. Sends every proceeding of Congress which is yet made public here.

1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Lett. from N. York Nov[r] 1774.

Henry White to Governor William Tryon.

1774, November 8. New York.—Fears the claims contained in the proceedings of Congress will not tend to conciliate matters on the other side of the water. Effect the General Election, which is near at hand, will have. His opinion concerning the non-exportation, said to take place in September—that it is only hung out *in terrorem* to Great Britain. Considers it would be policy to repeal the tea duty. Fervently wishes for the restoration of harmony.

Copy. 2⅛ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from M[r] Henry White to Gov[r] Tryon, dated N. York, 8 Nov[r] 1774. *Private.*

The Reverend J. W. Giberne to [Lord Dartmouth].

1774, November 9.—Belle Ville, in Richmond County, Rappahanock River, Virginia.—Enquires after his Lordship's health. Expresses his gratitude to Lord Dartmouth for his interposition with regard to his ordination. Giberne desired by the County of Richmond to be their Moderator in all their associating meetings. His acquiescence. Opinion concerning these people. They look to Lord Dartmouth to

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disperse the threatening cloud now over America. Book he is sending to his Lordship. Transmits this letter by Cyrus Griffin.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev. M[r] Giberne Virginia Nov[r] 1774.

William Knox to [Lord Dartmouth].

1774, November 15. Whitehall.—Disappointment at not receiving a letter from General Gage, nor any further account of Congress proceedings from Franklyn. Information from Colden. Intelligence obtained from a letter from one of the Congress, shown to Knox in confidence concerning the non-importation and non-exportation resolution. Different dispositions of the New England and other Governments. A petition to the King lies for consideration. Deputies for its presentation. Arrival of a ship from Salem brings private letters down to September 29. Return of the Commissioners of Customs to Boston. Carleton's arrival at Quebec. Communication between Gage and Carleton. Opinion about it; it is so expressive of Gage's timidity and weakness that he has kept the letters secret in the office. Attempts are being made for the repeal of the Boston Act. Lord North thinks a paper addressed to the merchants will be of use; Knox is to draw it up.

Autograph letter signed. 6 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Knox 15 Nov. 1774. Ex.

Emanuel Mathias to the Earl of Suffolk.

1774, November 15. Hamburgh.—Information of the "Flora" being loaded with chests supposed to contain firearms, and forty chests of tea. Steps to be taken for the detection of her cargo. She will be ready to sail towards the latter end of next week.

Extract. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from M[r] Mathias To The Earl of Suffolk. Hamburgh 15[th] Nov[r] 1774.

Sir Joseph Yorke to the Earl of Suffolk.

1774, November 18. Hague.—Imagines he will soon have no further occasion to trouble His Lordship about the Rhode Island vessel, as, according to information, it has begun to unload and is to winter at Amsterdam.

Extract. ¾ *folio page.* [The signed letter is in the Public Record Office, Foreign Office, Holland, Vol. 691.]

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from His Exc[cy] Sir Jo[s] Yorke to The Earl of Suffolk. Hague 18[th] Nov[r] 1774.

Governor William Tryon to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, November 19. Bath.—Private. On the subject of the enclosure. He can depend upon the facts therein contained, as it is from a friend, a native and resident of New York. He has received no letter from the Lieutenant Governor since he (Tryon) left London.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page and* 1 *line.*

Endorsed:—Gov[r] Tryon Bath, 19 Nov[r] 1774. Containing Intelligence from his Friend at N. York

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Enclosure:—

[ ] to GOVERNOR TRYON.

1774, *October 5.—Extract of a letter from New York to Governor William Tryon. (Private and Confidential.) Haldimand going with the troops to Boston. Disturbance caused by the violent ones trying to prevent the carmen doing their duty, and intimidating the merchants. Drubbing received by Mr Sears. Boston Resolves adopted by the Congress which also advises non-importation. Opposition it will cause. His opinion on the subject. The cloud to the eastward seems to thicken, and will, it is probable, break in thunder and lightning. Powder and arms in these ports bought up and carried eastward. By all accounts Boston and Connecticut will take up arms to oppose the Act taking place against the Charter of Massachusetts Bay. Opinion of the Connecticut people.*
In Tryon's hand. 4 folio pages.

JAMES HUTTON to WILLIAM KNOX.

1774, November 22. At night. King's Road, Chelsea.
Autograph letter signed. With seal (broken). 2½ quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Mr Hutton 22 Novr 1774, relative to the Conduct of the Virginians towards the Moravians.

ROBERT HAYNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, November 23. Shore Ditch.—On the subject of Judge Salter's effects, which he is sure were given up to the Board for his daughter, Mrs. Hayne. Schemes that have been carried on to wrong his wife.
Autograph letter signed. 1¾ quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Mr Hayne 1774.

Enclosure:—

MARY HAYNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, *November 23. Shoreditch.—Petition. Behaviour of Mr Cox concerning the will of her father, Richard Salter. Desires his Lordship will cause her property to be given up.*
Original signed. 1 folio page.

MEETING of PEERS.

1774, November 23.—List of Peers invited to a meeting at Lord Rochford's. Arranged alphabetically.
3¾ folio pages.

CUTTING from the PUBLIC ADVERTISER.

1774, November 23.—No. 14,087. The Thoughts of a Traveller upon our American Disputes, beginning—"By what Fatality has it happened, that this Nation has seldom been exempt from a Plot, Insurrection, Rebellion, or Revolution beyond a Space of thirty Years?"
1⅜ printed columns.

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[1774, November 24.]—Another cutting, not dated, but containing The Thoughts of a Traveller upon our American Disputes, continued from the previous day; and, on the back, An Observation on the Quebec Act, by Mr. Dickenson of Philadelphia, the celebrated Author of the Farmer's Letters.

1 *strip.*

WILLIAM SMITH to GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON.

1774, November 25. New York.—Resolution of his countrymen to appeal to the sword for the decision of the present controversy relating to taxes. Considers this was easy to be forseen from the spirit and commotions of 1766. Reasons why New York must be set down as ready to conspire with all the other colonies in every measure devised against the parliamentary claims. Plan concerted by the Leaders of the Committee of fifty-one constituted in May last. Determination in Maryland to tar and feather Governor Eden if he brought any tea; assurances he had to give. Sees no alternative but a civil war. His sentiments on the subject. Interview with Mr. White.

Autograph letter signed. 5¾ *quarto pages. Seal.*

SIR STANIER PORTEN to JOHN POWNALL.

1774, November 30. Wednesday. St. James's.—Lord Rochford's readiness to meet the Committee of His Majesty's servants to-morrow evening.

Autograph, third person. ¾ *quarto page.*

Endorsed by Pownall:—In consequence of this Note Mr Pownall has summoned a Cabinet for tomorrow Evening at Lord Rochford's Office.

[FROM the PUBLIC ADVERTISER.]

[1774, November.]—Newspaper cutting containing the Thoughts of a Traveller upon our American Disputes, signed Viator.

1 *strip.*

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, December 1. Westminster.—Intends sending his appointment for a Deputy or Deputies to St. Augustine, but not without his Lordship's knowledge and approbation. Speaks of enclosing the establishment of his two assistants in the General Survey, which he intends to send to Mr. Purcell in America. Reasons for sending it to Lord Dartmouth.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

CHIEF JUSTICE DANIEL HORSMANDEN to GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON.

1774, December 3. New York.—Concludes this winter will be a very turbulent one. The Delegates have engaged in the non-importation, non-exportation and non-consumption scheme suggested by the Bostonians. Distress to which the people will be subjected. His

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sentiments. Stoppage of salaries of officers of Government. Esteems Sir William Johnson's death a public loss. Irreparable loss of Doctor Ogilvie.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅓ *large folio pages. With seal.*

Extract of the foregoing.

GRANVILLE SHARP to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, December 4. Old Jewry.—Hopes his Lordship will avoid having any hand in promoting or executing the present measures against Americans. Has carefully and impartially examined the nature of the pretensions on this side the water and their legality. In a short time he will lay before him proofs in favour of the much injured Americans. Had the warning he sent Lord North three years ago concerning the African slave trade and maintenance of slavery been regarded he believes the present misunderstanding would not have happened. His motive for so writing.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Sharp, 4 Decr 1774.

[DR. FRANKLIN.]

[1774, December 6.]—"Hints for Conversation upon the Subject of Terms that may probably produce a *Durable* Union between Great Britain and her Colonies." [This is neither signed nor dated but by reference to Sparks's Life of Doctor Franklin (Vol. 5, page 12,) it is found that these Hints were produced by him to David Barclay and Doctor Fothergill on the 6th December 1774.]

3⅞ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Hints.

Same as the foregoing but with corrections and interlineations by Lords Hyde and Dartmouth.

4 *quarto pages.*

WILLIAM SMITH to GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON.

1774, December 6. New York.—Assembly called together by Colden for 10th proximo. Opinion on the subject. Bad effect it will have. Clauses to be adopted in addresses to the King. Wishes Tryon were present. Considers it of the highest moment, that America be taught that her Congress is not infallible. Health of Colonel Fanning. Tryon's successor takes his departure this day.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages. Seal.*

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CADWALLADER COLDEN to GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON.

1774, December 7. New York.—Rejoices that Tryon will be there in the spring to take the reins of Government. The present state of the province is very much the same as when he left it. Proceedings of Congress disliked by a certain class of people. Thinks the non-

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importation association will only be kept in appearance. Is persuaded the Assembly summoned may do good; they cannot make matters much worse. Disapproves of Mr. Antill's application for the Surveyor General's office.

Letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Copy of the foregoing. 1¼ *folio pages.*

MR. W[HITE] to [GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON].

1774, December 7. New York.—Considers Smith has given a pretty good idea of the proceedings of Congress. Declaration of some gentlemen of the Congress Committee that they would act no longer nor carry into execution the Resolves of which they so much disapproved. Sanguine disposition of Delegates. Duane a violent supporter of Congress. The resolve against using tea goes hard against the smugglers. Lament of their High Mightinesses. His sentiments. Congress is confident that the effect of the idea of non-exportation will make Britain tremble. Is surprised Cruger is likely to be elected for Bristol. Considers it wrong to withdraw the troops from here.

Copy. Not signed. 5 *folio pages.*

Endorsed (in Governor Tryon's hand) :—Copy of M[r] W. *Letter.*

[ ] to CHARLES WILLIAMOS.

1774, December 7. New York.—Desiring that James Savage's petition for a grant of land on the Westenhook may be dismissed.

Extract. 1⅔ *folio pages.*

Endorsed :—New York 7[th] dec[ber] 1774 extract of a letter to M[r] Williamos—relative to the Westenhook Patent.

The DUKE OF DORSET to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, December 8. London.—Recommends Captain Stanton, who desires to be employed, should active measures be used to bring the Americans to obedience.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed :—D. of Dorset 8 Dec[r] 1774, rec[d] *Cap. Stanton.*

Enclosure :—

CAPTAIN JOHN STANTON, 14th Regiment of Infantry, to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, *December* 1. *Dover.—Solicits his interest to obtain a majority in one of the regiments about to be raised in order to quell the rebellion. Expeditious mode of forming a corps.*

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

JAMES SAVAGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, December 8. London.—Petition. Refers to a previous petition presented in September, describing the bounds and limits of certain land

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in Albany and New York. Distress of settlers on that land. Begs his Lordship to use his influence on their behalf.

Original signed. 4 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Petition of James Savage concer[s] Settlers in N. York. Ex.

A. Gordon to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, December 9. Royal Hospital, Greenwich.—On the subject of the enclosure.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Rev[d] M[r] Gordon 9 Dec[r] 1774 with a Petition for land in E. Florida.

Enclosure:—

The Reverend William Gordon to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, *September* 6. *Mobile.—Memorial and Petition. Desires his Lordship will back his petition to the Lords of Trade,* for recommendation to His Majesty for a mandamus for* 4,000 *acres of land on the river Mobile.*

Original signed. 1⅓ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Petition of the Rev[d] William Gordon.

* *See* his petition under date of 6 September.

John Crawfurd to [Lord Dartmouth].

1774, December 10. Grafton Street.—Applies, on behalf of his brother, for the Government of East Florida, vacant by the reported death of Colonel Tonyn.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—J. Crawfurd Esq[r] 10 Dec[r] 1774.

Mr. Watson to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, December 10. Garlick Hill.—Thanks him for the information concerning the detention of the New York packet. Speaks of enclosing sheets containing thoughts upon the dispute between Great Britain and her Colonies; desires they may not pass out of Dartmouth's hand.

Autograph, third person. ⅝ *quarto page.*

[Jonathan Sewall, Attorney General, Massachusetts,] to Governor Hutchinson.

1774, December 11.—Extract of a letter from Boston to Governor Thomas Hutchinson. Believes the greater part of his countrymen to be well meaning deluded people; despairs of them again becoming loyal subjects, until vigorous measures are taken to convince them of the impossibility of succeeding in a forcible opposition. Effect which a proclamation or manifesto would have. Presumes Martial Law will be next if there is sufficient force to execute it; at present they have no law.

1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter to Gov[r] Hutchinson (already copied).

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JOHN FLORRY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, December 14. Cleobury near Bewdley.—Reminds his Lordship of an application he made to him twenty years ago. Money he laid out in this parish eleven years since, for articles which go to America. Mode of taxing the Americans. Encloses plan. Cannon balls and muskets he has invented.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅝ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—J. Florry Cleobury 14 Decr 1774. Plan for America.

Enclosure:—

Plan for taxing Americans.
MS. Not signed. (*In Florry's hand.*) 2¾ *folio pages.*

EXCERPTA from some PRIVATE LETTERS to GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON.

1774, December 10–15.

General Gage, December 15, 1774.—Thinks the Continental Congress will advise the Provincial Congress to usurp the Government. Sends to Lord D[artmouth] a printed extract of a letter said to be a performance of Dr. Franklin, and written to Cushing. "I mention another letter to his Lordship dated in September which Cushing talked of before Mr Flucker and others as from Dr Franklin and told the contents of it. I have not mentioned the Dr's. name as I could not prove it upon him; but he's certainly capable of any mischief, and I believe the Author of the Disturbances in this Province, and, I may add now, of the Continent." Is told that the next meeting of the Congress may be earlier than February in order to nominate a governor, resume the old charter, and fly to arms immediately.

Lieutenant Governor Oliver, December 10.—Provincial Congress at Cambridge. Delegates dropping off. Intelligence that has leaked out. Associations forming.

Chief Justice Oliver, 14 December.—Attack upon a man for buying an ox from Councillor Thomas, and upon a constable for paying taxes. Act relative to town meetings.

Attorney General Jonathan Sewall, December 11.—For part duplicate see same date. Temper prevailing in this Kingdom. Public monies.

Solicitor General Samuel Quincey, December 12.—Remarks made by a Delegate. Effect of a non-consumption agreement.

Secretary Flucker, December 15.—Opposition of leaders from Boston. Movements of Sullivan, Adams and others.

Colonel Brown, December 10.—Resolution of the people to persist in their rebellious enterprise. Division among Members of Provincial Congress.

10¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Excerpta from some private Letters, addressed to Govr Hutchinson, from Boston in Decr 1774.

LORD HARDWICKE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, December 16.—Returns proceedings of the Congress; his regret that it is so violently disposed, but he expected no better. The only power

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reserved to the Legislature of Great Britain is regulating trade. No notice taken of the King in the whole transaction.

Autograph, third person. 1½ *octavo pages.*

Endorsed:—E. of Hardwicke 16 Dec^{r} 1774.

JOHN POWNALL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, December 18. Friday evening. [Should be 16, the 18th December was a Sunday.]—On the 10th there was a New York mail but not a syllable from General Gage. Letters from New York and Pennsylvania very barren of intelligence. Result of communicating contents of budget to Lord North. Arrival of dispatches this morning. Alarm and astonishment at the manner in which Gage writes, and the inactivity and irresolution of his conduct, steps to be taken in consequence. His Lordship desired to be in town. Pownall is at a loss to account for the strange conduct of General Gage, which seems devoid of sense and spirit.

P.S.—Mr. Quincey is a strenuous actor and writer in support of rebellion.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Pownall 1774.

WILLIAM MOLLESON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, December 17. America Square, Crutched Friars.—States the writer of the enclosed letter [not identified] to be Speaker of the House of Assembly of Maryland and one of the Congress Delegates. Pleasure the letter has afforded him. Reason for sending it to his Lordship. Molleson's regret concerning his letter to this gentleman. Death of the Collector of Customs for North Potomack in Maryland.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Molleson, 17 Dec^{r} 1774.

JOHN HANSON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, December 18. New York.—Sacrifice he has made for the public good. Requests the place of Ranger of Woods in America, now vacant.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Hanson, N. York 18 Dec^{r} 1774, desir^{s} the place of Ranger of the Woods.

JOHN BLACKBURNE to [ ].

1774, December [? 21] Wednesday, past 2 o'clock.—Resolution of the merchants and others concerned in the American commerce taken at their meeting this day. Petition to be drawn up stating the advantages of the trade to the Colonies, but interdicted from interfering with any political questions, or desiring any repeal of the laws.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Blackburne Dec^{r} 1774.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, December 21. Westminster.—The sum allowed to him has fallen short of the estimate. Memorial he encloses. The vessel not

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commissioned. Letter he has written to Governor Tonyn. Orders he will be glad to receive with regard to his Lordship's territory in East Florida as yet not surveyed.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *folio page.*

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MEMORIAL to LORD DARTMOUTH and to the BOARD OF TRADE.

Desires that a further sum may be allowed him for astronomical and surveying instruments necessary in his department.
Original signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed :—Memorial of Will[m] Gerard De Brahm.

AMERICAN CONGRESS to the KING.

[1774, received December 21.]—Petition.* Laying their grievances before the throne.

Copy. 11¼ *folio pages.* [The original petition is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 278, fo. 471.]

Endorsed :—Petition of the American Congress to the King. Ex.

* For a Note from Mr. Pownall on the 20th with reference to the Petition, *see* Lord Dartmouth's MSS. Eleventh Report, Appendix, Part V., p. 372.

WILLIAM MOLLESON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, Wednesday, 5 o'clock [qy. 21 December]. America Square.—A large meeting of the merchants and others concerned in the American trade has been held this day—a petition to the House of Commons is to be prepared and a meeting to take place to-morrow. As his present situation makes caution necessary, desires to call upon his Lordship upon a different day to that set apart for his Lordship's levee.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed :—M[r] Molleson 1774.

WILLIAM MOLLESON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, December 21. Wednesday evening.—A meeting of North American merchants on Friday next. Promises that nothing on his part shall be wanting to confine their deliberations to commercial objects alone.

Not autograph. In the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed :—M[r] Molleson 21 Dec[r] 1774.

ROBERT HUNTER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, December 21. Wednesday. Coleman Street.—Concerning the prohibition of gunpowder and arms to North America. Desires to know if merchants trading to Canada would be allowed to export the usual quantities of those articles under such restrictions as Government might think necessary. If they are not allowed, a great part of their other

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orders for the manufactures of this country, teas and other East India goods will not, he apprehends, be executed.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Hunter 21 Decr 1774.

RICHARD JACKSON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, December 21.—On the subject of the enclosure. Is satisfied the writer is one of the most discreet and best intentioned among the delegates. Thinks it must have been written since the dissolution of Congress otherwise it has been stopped in the office in America for two months. Pronounces it to be a letter from America at an interesting juncture.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅚ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rd Jackson Esq 21 Decr 1774.

Enclosure:—

J[OSEPH] G[ALLOWAY] to R[ICHARD] J[ACKSON].

1774, *August* 10. *Trevose, Bucks* [*in Pennsylvania*].—*His indifference with respect to the grant of Vandalia. Sentiments upon the interests of Great Britain and her colonies. Stands alone in his opinions. Measures that would have been advisable for the politicians to have pursued instead of passing the Stamp Act. Suggests that both Countries should retreat a little, and take other grounds. Disposition of the people. Congress of Delegates to take place in a few days at Philadelphia. At the earnest solicitations of the Assembly has consented to be one, but there is little prospect of his doing any good. Thanks him for his invitation to London.*

Copy. 6⅔ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from J. G 1554 w l y to R. J. dated Trevose, Bucks, [*in Pensylvania*] *Augst* 10th 1774.

LIST OF LETTERS.

From Mr. Hunter, Mr. Molleson, Rd. Jackson etc., extending from 12 March 1773 to 21 December 1774. With a brief note of the contents of each.

2⅞ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—List.

JOHN BLACKBURN to MR. BRUMMELL.

1774, December 22. Scotland Yard.—Movements to prevent a meeting in which it is suspected that the late Sheriff Lee and his party are concerned in order to counteract the good designs of His Majesty's Ministers by a petition to Parliament. Efforts of Blackburn to prevent such meeting. Desires him to inform Lord North. Advertisement about to be inserted in the paper of the following day calling a meeting for 4th January.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—22d Decr 1774 Mr Blackburn to Mr Brummell.

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MONSIEUR HOCQUART to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, December 22. a Paris, rue des Moulins butte, St. Roch.—Concerning his affairs pending before Council, one touching a seigneurie on Lake Champlain sold by him to the Seigneur Lotbiniere and the other concerning his post at the Gros Mecatinat.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *page.* *French.*

Endorsed :—Monsr Hocquart R/ 7 Jany 1775.

Enclosure :—

"*Memoire*" *on the subject.* *Monsieur Hocquart had acted as Intendant in Canada from the year* 1729.

Printed. 3¼ *quarto pages.*

LORD BARRINGTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, December 24. Beckett.—"Our disputes with North America have not at present the foundation of Interest." Hints relative to the future Conduct of Administration with the Colonies.

Autograph letter signed. 6½ *quarto pages.*

The EARL OF DUNMORE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, December 24. Williamsburg.—The Associations first in part entered into by the Colony and adopted by the Continental Congress are now enforcing throughout the country with great vigour. A committee is chosen in every county to carry the Association of the Congress into execution. They inspect the trade and correspondence of any merchant, watch the conduct of any inhabitant, may send for, catechize, and stigmatize him if he does not appear to follow the laws of their Congress. Every city besides is arming an independent Company to protect their Committees and to be employed against Government should occasion require. As to the power of Government which Lord Dartmouth in his letter of November 11th directs should be exerted to counteract the dangerous measures pursuing here, it is entirely disregarded if not wholly overturned. Not a Justice of the Peace acts except as a Committee-man. Abolishing the Courts of Justice was the first step taken. The General Court is much the same, for the lawyers refuse to attend, nor would the people allow them. Interposition of Government in its present feeble state would only suffer the disgrace of a disappointment. But, he feels, every step taken by these infatuated people must defeat its own purpose. The non-importation and non-exportation agreements cannot fail in time to produce a scarcity which will ruin thousands of families, and as to manufactures here, the people of Virginia are not naturally industrious. The arbitrary proceedings of the Committees cannot likewise fail of raising quarrels and dissensions which will create partisans of Government. He is persuaded that this Colony by its own acts and deeds must be brought to see the necessity of dependence on the Mother Country and of embracing its authority.

Extract. 9¾ *folio pages.* [The signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 213, fo. 13.]

Endorsed :—Extract of a Letter from the Earl of Dunmore to the Earl of Dartmouth dated 24th Decr 1774.

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WILLIAM MOLLESON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, December [? 24]. Saturday, 6 o'clock. America Square.—Thanks his Lordship for his attention to his request. Report that Administration had determined to repeal the Acts and conciliate the differences. Letters received from America last night mention receipt of circular letters from his Lordship to all the Governors, requiring them to convene their Assemblies, and recommending them to lay their grievances before Parliament. Steps taken in consequence. Result of a meeting which he attended the previous evening. Petition drawn up.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Molleson Decr 1774.

AMBROSE SERLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, December 27.—On the subject of the enclosure.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—A. Serle with Thoughts on *America*. Ex.

Enclosure:—

Sketch of an Essay on adjusting our Disputes with the Colonies. Under the three headings of 1. *Cunctation;* 2. *Treaty;* 3. *Compulsion.*

In Serle's hand. 17 *folio pages,*

JOHN FLORRY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774, December 29. Birmingham.—Friends are assisting him in publishing an answer to the letter directed to the people of England by the Americans. Considers the Americans would pay more regard to the merchants of England. Suggestion for a conference of the merchants of the seaport towns to agree upon a mode of taxation and settle rules of trade; this he thinks will bring them to a submission sooner than any other method. American representatives in the English Parliament should only be required to attend one year in seven. Wishes better laws were made for the recovery of debts due to the people of England in America.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Florry 29 Decr 1774.

THEOPHILUS HARDENBROOK to GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON.

1774, December 29.—Survey of the fireplace and chimney piece of the Council room at Fort George, New York, with plan of the fireplace.

Original signed. 1⅝ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Theop. Hardenburgh. Report on Survey of the Fire at Fort George on ye 29 Decr 1774.

The REVEREND THOMAS RANKIN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, December 29. Philadelphia.—Reasons for writing. Refers to a previous letter. Has seen his Lordship's letter to Mr. Fletcher in

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which he mentions Captain Webb. Effect of religious work in the Colonies. Desirability of having a Bishop for North America. Observations upon what has come under his cognizance in the present situation of affairs. Nothing to be heard in some of the provinces, but warlike preparations. Melancholy prospect in religious matters as regards the Indians. Refers to the battle fought between Lord Dunmore's rangers and the Indians near the Ohio.

Autograph letter signed. 3¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev. M^r^ Rankin Philadelphia Dec^r^ 1774.

WILLIAM MOLLESON to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1774, December 30. Friday, 3 o'clock.—Report that the American differences are settled, and Governor Pownall given as the author. Earnestly desires to know whether such report may be credited.

Not autograph. In the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—W^m^ Molleson Esq^r^ 30 Dec^r^ 1774.

WILLIAM MOLLESON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, Thursday, 4 o'clock [December]. America Square.—Authentic intelligence brought from Philadelphia the 7th October received by the New York mail this day. Non-importation agreement resolved upon by Congress. Disposition of the people in New York, Pennsylvania and the southern colonies for moderate measure.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Molleson 1774.

VARIOUS PAPERS on MEASURES for AMERICA and AMERICAN BUSINESS generally.

N. D. [1774, qy. early in the year].—Paper beginning "If the measures proposed in respect to the Town and People of Boston are adopted it will be necessary they should be accompanied with every precaution that may prevent or defeat resistance. *It is therefore further proposed,*"—That the Battalions under orders for the relief in the spring should be sent out immediately. That the squadron in N^o^ America under the command of Admiral Montague should be reinforced with at least two ships. General Gage to be sent out with troops, and with instructions concerning the disposition of the whole force, to secure the effectual execution of the measures proposed. Instructions to the Admiral that no vessels load or unload in Boston Harbour without a particular authority from the Custom House.

Not signed. In Pownall's hand. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—further proposals.

N. D. [1774].—List of business for the Committee. Amongst the business to be discussed are reports of the Board of Trade relative to some extraordinary proceedings of the Assembly of New York in 1772, to various memorials and petitions of John Gordon, Major-General Bradstreet, Monsieur Hocquart, Lieutenant Campbell, John Calef, and others.

Not signed. 2⅓ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—*List of Committee Business.*

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N. D. [1774].—Paper concerning the trial of military officers or men, engaged in the fatal riots in the Colonies. That such military officers or men be sent home for trial.

Not signed. ⅔ *quarto page.*

N. D. [1774].—Paper endorsed "Propositions." It appears by the dispatches from General Gage and Admiral Graves dated in September, that at public meetings held in different parts of the Province resolutions had been passed by Delegates of Counties and Committees of Towns refusing compliance with the Acts of last Session relative to Massachusetts Bay; that the people were excited to oppose the execution of those laws; that representatives had been elected to meet in provincial Congress in Concord; etc., etc. It is therefore proposed that a proclamation be issued, compelling them to desist, when they shall be pardoned. Advisability of laying the papers before Parliament in the first instance to move for leave to bring in a Bill reciting the Acts of treason and rebellion. Steps to be taken with regard to Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

4 *folio pages.*

N. D. [1774].—A Plan for allaying the present Complaints of the British American Colonies. And Plan of the Proportion of Representatives proposed to be allotted to the several British Islands and Provinces in America.

Not signed. 2 *large folio pages.*

N. D. [1774].—Plan for indemnifying the East India Company for the loss sustained on such of the teas sent to America as have been destroyed there or returned to Europe, and for reducing our North American Colonies to a proper sense of their duty, without the effusion of blood, and without expense to the Mother Country.

2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Plan For bringing the Americans to reason & proper subjection to the British Government, For indemnifying the East India Company for its present Loss, and for creating a Fund to defray all the necessary Expence.

N. D. [? 1774].—Resolutions, probably of the House of Commons, with reference to the restoration of order and Government in Massachusetts Bay. That the law officers be appointed and removed by the authority of the Governor without the consent of the Council or assistants. That power be vested in the Governor to apprehend rioters, etc. That the Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of the Colony shall be members of the Council without being elected. That no town meeting be called without the Governor's consent.

Copy. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Resolutions.

N. D. [1774].—Memorandum in Lord Dartmouth's hand: "how is the *Town of* Boston assessed? If the selectmen are not already empowered by law, direct them to call a Town meeting, & to levy the

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money upon the Town, or upon such particular Persons as they shall find to have been guilty of the destruction of the Teas."

⅛ *quarto page.*

N. D. [? 1774].—Colonel Dalrymple. Report of the state of Trade, presented soon after his return to England, to the first Lord of the Treasury and Board of Trade. "The acquisition of Continental Territorys and Sugar Islands in America to Great Britain & the loss of them to France must naturally occasion such a change in the course of Trade as to require new regulations."

Corrected Manuscript. 13 *pages.*

Endorsed:—State of American Trade, and Plan for a free port at Dominica by Col. Dalrymple.

N. D. [1774].—Memorandum of business, in Lord Dartmouth's hand, "Mr. Watson—compensation for tea duty in America; Dr. Calef —the 12 townships" etc., etc.

¾ *folio page.*

N. D. [? 1774].—Minutes in Lord Dartmouth's hand on American affairs. Mention made of the taking possession of the Castle of Boston. Supposes that the Governor of Rhode Island means to do his duty.

1 *folio page.*

N. D. [? 1774].—Regulations humbly submitted to the Earl of Dartmouth for the better preventing the smuggling of tea by the French and Dutch into our American Colonies and the West Indies.

Not signed. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed:—C—26: Thoughts on the Prevention of Smuggling in America.

Again Endorsed:—Capn Farndborgh's Remarks on the E. In. Trade.

N. D. [1774].—Paper beginning, "In order to judge of the propriety of the Measures which has been suggested, of opening a Channel of Communication and Consultation with America upon points that may lead to a Restoration of Harmony and good understanding by means of a Commission to be issued here, it will be necessary to consider 1st The Object of such a Commission, 2nd The Nature and Plan of it, as applying to that Object, 3rd The proposition to be brought forward in Negociation and Discussion as the Basis of Peace and Union."

8¾ *folio pages draft form.*

N. D. [1774].—Paper headed "Proposal"—"First. That immediate orders be sent to Governor Hutchinson directing that Himself and all other Officers, who are not obliged by Laws of the Colony to perform their Functions at Boston, do, without Delay . . . . . remove to such other place in the Colony" as Hutchinson shall think the least liable to be awed or influenced by the people of Boston, and that the General Court be held at such place. (2) Like orders to be sent to the Commissioners of Customs. (3) Instructions for the Attorney and Solicitor General.

2⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Proposal.

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Elias Durnford to Lord Dartmouth.

N. D. [? 1774]. Thursday noon. Bland Street.—Remarks on his plan to survey the province by dividing it into townships to be granted to certain persons.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Lieut. Gov[r] Durnford with a plan for W. Florida.

John Gordon to the Board of Trade.

N. D. [? 1774].—Sets forth a plan for the better collection of, and regulation in the receipt of, the quit rents and casual revenue in America.

Copy. Signed. 7 *pages.* [A duplicate of this is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, East Florida, Vol. 7, fo. 9.]

John Gordon to Lord North.

N. D. [? 1774].—Memorial. Refers to his memorial to the King desiring compensation in connection with the purchase of lands made by him and others in East Florida. Solicits his Lordship's protection and countenance.

Manuscript. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—Copy of M[r] Gordons intended memorial with his Quit rent scheme.

John Gordon to Lord [North].

N. D. [? 1774].—With the exception of the first paragraph is the same as his letter to the Board of Trade.

Letter signed. 11 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Quit rent & Casual Revenue Scheme.

[John Gordon] to Lord North.

N. D. [? 1774].—Marked "Copy of a letter intended for my Lord North in order to get the Quit rent introduced to his Lordship." On the justice of his case. Is aware of the impracticability of obtaining a compensation out of funds appropriated for other purposes but can point out a way by which the American revenue may be greatly increased. Has committed his thoughts on this subject to paper in order to lay them before his Lordship.

1¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of M[r] Gordon's intended letter with his Quit rent Scheme.

John Gordon.

N. D. [? 1774].—Accompt of Mr. Gordon's purchases of lands in East Florida for himself and other British subjects.

½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—N° 4. M[r] Gordon's Purchase E. Florida. Ex.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOSEPH GORHAM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D. [1774].—Memorial. Was employed from the year 1745, in the two last wars in North America, particularly at the sieges of Louisburg, Quebec and the Havannah. Sets forth his services. Result of his application for the Lieutenant Governorship of Halifax. His appointment as deputy superintendent of Indian affairs. His dismissal, and appointment to office as Lieutenant Governor of Placentia. Losses he sustained. Desires to be reinstated with regard to his salary.

Not signed. 2 *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—To the Right Hon^ble^ the Earl of Dartmouth, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretarys of State, &c. &c. &c. The Memorial of Joseph Gorham, Lieu^t^ Governor of His Majestys Town and Garrison of Placentia.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GORHAM.

N. D. [1774].—Minutes. Proposes that he be put on full pay as Lieutenant Colonel, and have the first vacancy that may occur in the American army. Desires he may be recommended for promotion. Conceives a corps may be raised under the denomination of Royal Defensible Americans. Reason for his brother, (a Colonel of militia, and one of the principal Magistrates in Barnstaple, Massachusetts Bay) being obliged to resign his posts.

On a separate piece of paper is added a question by Lord Dartmouth as to what might reasonably be done for the Memorialist and Pownall's opinion in answer that he should have an allowance as Lieutenant Governor of Placentia.

Not signed. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Lieut. Col^o^ Gorhams Minutes. Proposalls &c.

ROBERT HAYNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D. [1774].—On the subject of Judge Salter's will; property to which Mrs. Hayne is entitled. Hopes his Lordship will allow his wife to give in her claim agreeable to her father's will.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—M^rs^ Hayne. Ex.

Enclosures:—

MARY HAYNE to the KING.

Petition. Sets forth her claim to the property of Judge Salter, her father. Desires His Majesty to procure the will for her.
Original. Not autograph. 1 *folio page.*
Endorsed:—M^rs^ Hayne's Petition.

JOHN SALTER, Lieutenant Colonel to the 1st Regiment of Foot Guards and Major General in the Army, to MRS. HAYNE.

1774, *July* 2. *Cannon Row.—The property of the late Judge Salter, and his having been desired to claim it. His refusal.*
Copy. 1 *folio page.*
Endorsed:—A Coppy of General Salters Letter To M^rs^ Hayne.

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GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON.

N. D. [? 1774 or 1775].—Paper endorsed "Hints from Governor Hutchinson" consisting of two forms of an oath to be taken by an inhabitant of any town in His Majesty's Dominions, (in America) of allegiance to the King.

In Governor Hutchinson's hand. 1¾ *octavo pages.*

[GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON.]

N. D. [? 1774 or 1775].—Heads of an Act and remarks thereon with the form of a declaration relinquishing all share or part in any association, confederacy or agreement for the non-importation of goods from Great Britain or for the non-exportation of goods to Great Britain &c.

In Governor Hutchinson's hand. 4 *octavo pages.*

LORD MARCHMONT.

1774.—Paper concerning America. The writer sets forth the precautions he considers are necessary to allay the present animosities, to remove all suspicion of hostile intentions and every defect in the original constitution of the Colonies. Considerations upon the land forces to be kept in the "old Colonies." Is convinced they cannot have the face to ask a different constitution from that of the mother country. Plan for making their judges independent.

Not signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—1774. L[d] Marchmont.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

N. D. [1774].—Reasons for a salary for the Chief Justice of New Hampshire since the Chief Justices of all the other Royal provinces in America are now provided with stipends to the amount of £500 to £1,000 per annum.

4⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Reasons for Salary for Ch. Just. of New Hampshire.

NEW HAMPSHIRE and MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

N. D. [1774].—Memorandum relating to certain offices in these Provinces. Begins, "A Commission for the Secretaryship, but the Office not to be Enter'd upon till the present possessor's decease or voluntary resignation."

1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Mem. relative to certain Offices in New Hants & Mass. Bay.

ROYALIST MILITIA.

1774.—A Return of the New York Regiment of Militia whereof Leonard Lispenard Esquire is Colonel, Gerard G. Beekman, Lieu-

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tenant-Colonel, and Anthony Van Dam, Major. Signed Leonard Lispenard.

Original. ¾ *large folio page.*

Endorsed:—A Return of the New York Regiment of Militia 1774. Colo Lispenard.

N. D. [? 1774].—Return of the Regiment of Militia in Suffolk County, under Colonel Platt Conklin.

2 *folio pages.*

LORD NORTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1774. Tuesday. Bushy Park.—Though General Gage's dispatches give ground for a reinforcement, they unfortunately demand such a one as the nation will not be able to furnish in less than a twelvemonth. Thinks it right that [Dartmouth] should bring the whole of his measures soon before the Cabinet, and North will reconsider his reasons dispassionately. Remarks upon the fresh difficulties of acting successfully with a land army. His wish to see some measure adopted which may prevent the bad effects which the too great appearance of lenity and concession may produce.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Ld North 1774.

N. D. [1774].—Draft of an Act for the more effectual Security of the Kingdom of Great Britain and the Dominions thereunto belonging.

4¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed (on a wrapper):—*Private.* With Lord North's Compliments.

[JOHN POWNALL to LORD DARTMOUTH].

N. D. [? 1774]. Sunday evening.—Feels much anxiety on the following points,—final settlement of the arrangements for Quebec, state of Mosquito Shore, and dispatch of the "Scarborough" to General Gage with such orders as may be thought necessary or at least with intelligence of what has been done.

Autograph. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Memorandum from J. P.

JOHN POWNALL.

N. D. [1774].—Notes in the hand of John Pownall. Marked "To be added to the Minute." The army under General Gage to be reinforced by three regiments of infantry and one of light dragoons; reinforcement of marines to Admiral Graves. Bill to be moved for in Parliament to prohibit the associated Colonies from trading to any foreign ports, and from carrying on fishing in the American seas. There are also two slips of Memoranda by Lord Dartmouth.

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Mr. Renselaer.

N. D. [1774].—Paper endorsed "State of Mr. Renselaer's Title as well under the Patents of 1685 & 1704, as under the confirmations in 1717 & 1773."

10 *pages.*

George Reynolds to Lord Dartmouth.

N. D. [1774].—Memorial. Desires to be appointed Chief Justice or Magistrate of such a court of Judicature as shall be established on the River Mississippi.

Original signed. 1¼ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—To the Right Honourable The Earl of Dartmouth The Memorial of George Reynolds Esq^r.

Proposals by Stephen Sayre.

N. D. [? 1774].—That every American colony should appoint one person, and the persons thus appointed meet at New York once a year, receive commissions and be formed into a Board of Trade to correspond with the Board of Trade here. Refers to the Indian trade and the settlement of boundary lines. The contributions of money from the colonies to be considered and organised by these commissioners, and their determinations, regulations, proposals &c. to be duly attended to and from time to time read in Parliament.

Signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r Sayre's proposal.

Office of Secretary of State.

N. D. [1774].—Two papers—Establishment of the Office of Secretary of State and Account of the Salaries, Allowances, and Annual Expence of the Office. The Salary of the Secretary of State is put down at £1,850 per annum with deduction of fees and land tax at 4*s.* £797 14*s.* Of the Under Secretaries John Pownall has £500 per ann. from the King with the fees of Under Secretary of State. A third paper contains a List of Messengers.

Ambrose Serle.

N. D. [? 1774].—Memorandum in the hand of Ambrose Serle. That the clause for enforcing the making good the damages to the India Company should be in a separate Bill, otherwise the whole might be deemed a Money Bill. That the ringleaders at the town-meeting should be declared incapable of holding any post of trust. An expedient should be thought of to enable the British subjects to recover their debts.

1 *quarto page and* 2 *lines.*

Endorsed:—Mem.

1774.—Paper endorsed, in the hand of Ambrose Serle, "Thoughts upon the Proceedings of the Congresses in 1774." It begins: "The Idea of subduing the New England Governments by a regular Plan of Military operation is in its nature absurd and improper—not practicable without an Army of 10,000 men or more."

4 *folio pages.*

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DANIEL SHAW, late Captain in the 62nd Regiment, to the KING.

N. D. [? 1774–5.]—Proposal. To raise 300 men in 3 months time after his arrival in Scotland to serve in America or elsewhere.

¾ *page.*

Endorsed:—Capt. Shaw's Proposal.

DOCTOR JAMES SMITH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

N. D. [Beginning of 1774]. No. 3, Princes Court, Westminster.—It is with the utmost satisfaction the Americans see his Lordship at the head of the Board of Trade and Plantations. The colonies are daily undergoing a rapid change of circumstances. Submits the enclosed thoughts for his Lordship's consideration. "Many motives enjoin me to lay them at your Lordship's feet, that those who have the superior direction of affairs may be enabled to improve this vast dependant growing territory to the mutual peace, wealth and happiness of the whole Empire. If the contents of the enclosed sheets shall be favourably received, remedy evils or contribute to answer any salutary purpose they will give the highest satisfaction, to him, who has the honour to be, with the most profound respect. James Smith."

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Dr Smith Inclosing Thoughts on the Dispute between G. Britain and her Colonies. C—I.

Enclosure:—

Thoughts upon the dispute between Great Britain and her Colonies. [*A duplicate of this, sent on* 4 *July* 1775, *is stated to be by William Smith of New York. For the same paper with variations and omissions see* infra 23 *January* 1775 *under Brook Watson.*]

Not autograph. 9¾ *pages.*

*Endorsed:—Thoughts upon the Dispute between G. Britain and her Colonies. In a Letter from Dr Smith without Date. In C—*1.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

1774.—List of the Members of His Majesty's Council for South Carolina.

Not signed. ⅔ *folio page.*

TEA.

N. D. [? 1774].—Amount of Teas exported by the United East India Company for Boston, per ships "Beaver," "Dartmouth," and "Eleanor." Prime cost and charges to England £7,192. 5. 1. Packing and cartage on exportation £54. 19. 2 etc. The total amounts to £7,532. 19. 3.

¼ *page.*

Endorsed:—Amount of Teas sent to Boston.

Again endorsed:—Ld Gower Mr Monk. Ex.

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CAPTAIN VILLENEUVE.

N. D. [? 1774].—Memorandum concerning Captain Gedeon Villeneufve, possibly from his widow. "He Saild from London in 1770 in the Ship Amelia to Pheladelpha in America and sometimes from thence to Lisbon."

Original. 1 *quarto page.*

[ ] to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774.—Letter not signed nor dated. "The Kings Stores should not be kept in the middle of a large Town and surrounded with wooden buildings." Considers the stores could be kept very securely on the Governor's Island and a few batteries on said Island would most effectually command the navigation of New York Harbour.

1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Anon. N. York 1774. King's Stores.

1774.—Volume entitled, "Transactions in America relative to the Boston Port Act, &c. in 1774," containing copies and abstracts of the correspondence between the Secretary of State and the various American Governors during that year. With an Appendix of some further letters and papers from General Gage, and an Index. [The original correspondence is in the Public Record Office.]

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The HONOURABLE OLIVER DELANCY to CAPTAIN OLIVER DELANCY, of the 17th Light Dragoons.

1775, January 4. New York.—The heats are very violent, and if the forcible Councils persist, forsees horrid carnage and immediate ruin to America. Fears if New York breaks out it will be more violent than any other province. Hopes moderate measures will be taken by Parliament towards America.

Extract certified by B. J. Johnson. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from the Hon^ble^ Oliver Delancey to Cap^t^ Delancey N. York 4 Jan^y^ 1775, respecting the Temper of People in N. York.

PIERRE ROUBAUD to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, January 4. London.—Remarks on the importance of his enclosure.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page. French.*

Endorsed:—London 4 Jan. 1775. Mons. Roubaud. Recd. the same day.

Enclosure:—

Pierre Roubaud. Memoire sur l'amerique. On the present state of the American colonies—their desire for independence etc.

Autograph. 10 *large folio pages. French.*

Endorsed:—Memoire sur l'amerique. In M^r^ Roubaud's of the 4 *Jan.* 1775. *R/ Jan.* 4, 1775.

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Extract of a Letter to Mr. Williams.

1775, January 6. New York.—"In the ship Lady Gage, Capt. Messnard, were Imported 10 Chests of Arms, some Powder, &c.; they were Shipped by Mr. Haley in London, Addressed to Walter Franklin here & upon Account of some persons in Connecticut." These arms were seized by a Custom House officer, who was attacked by some Sons of Liberty for so doing. Details and proceedings in the town owing to a threat to assassinate the Collector who is much esteemed by the majority of people here.

1⅞ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter to Mr Williams, dated N. York, 6 Janry 1775.

[ ] to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, January 8.—Letter not signed, beginning "The misrepresentations which universally prevail in this country, respecting American matters induce me to address your lordship at a time, that I should suppose the smallest information respecting these colonies would be acceptable." Assures him that the principal and leading people of America are much better affected towards Britain than the late reports represent, and that the conduct of the eastern provinces is held in the utmost detestation by the others. Remarks on proceedings respecting measures taken by Bostonians in consequence of the tea riots. Promises further intelligence if Lord Dartmouth will assure him his letters shall be kept secret.

Original. 4 *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Z. Y. X. 8 Jany 1775.

Israel Mauduit to Lord North.

1775, January 9. Clemens Lane.—When appointed, will wait upon his Lordship concerning Mr. Ruggles.

Copy. In the third person. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Copy of Note from Mr Mauduit to Lord North, 9th Jany 1775.

Wrapper endorsed:—Mr Mauduit's Extracts of Letters for Lord North. Jan. 1775.

Enclosures:—

Colonel Robinson [Robertson], Quarter Master General, America, to [Israel Mauduit].

1774, *November* 3. *Boston.—Was summoned by General Gage in September to get cover for some troops. Narrates how he was stopped in providing quarters by an Edict issued by the Select Men and Committee of Correspondence and by the destruction of his materials. Under considerable difficulties he hopes however to have accomplished this work by next week. The four New England provinces are alike ill-disposed; are numerous, perhaps* 60,000 *are armed; the common wish the destruction of the army before the spring; their Congress has appointed three scoundrels, foolish fellows, generals, a committee to do the office*

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of a governor and another to do that of the Judges. Advises stringent measures be taken with them and then other provinces will obey. Reminds him that his predictions last June or July are fulfilled and warns him against consequences that will ensue if his present advice is not acted upon.

Extract. 4⅓ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from Colo Robinson Qr Master General in America. In Mr Mauduit's of 9th Jany 1775.

BRIGADIER RUGGLES to ISRAEL MAUDUIT.

1774, *October* 16. *Boston.—The friends of Government here have a full confidence in Lord North's measures, and that they will be quite sufficient to teach others their duty. Offers his services to enlist a number of the friends of Government for the present exigency if agreeable to his Lordship's wishes.*

Extract. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from Brigadier Ruggles to I. Mauduit. Boston 16th *Octr* 1774. *In Mr Mauduit's to Ld North of* 9th *Jany* 1775.

INTELLIGENCE from BOSTON.

1774, *November* 2.—*Extract of a Letter from Boston by the St. Lawrence Schooner. Has sent some of the latest newspapers to show the progress made in rebellious designs. America is preparing for war and surprised at the apathy of Great Britain who may be assured that the longer the colonies are let alone the more difficult the contest will be. The desire for independence has spread over all the provinces, even parts of Nova Scotia are refractory. Only Canada is loyal and General Carleton has offered General Gage Canadians and Indians to assist if necessary.*

2¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from Boston by the St. Laurence Schooner. In Mr Mauduit's to Ld North of 9th *Jany* 1775.

LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, January 10. London.—Remarks on the decrease of the Governor of South Carolina's salary owing to the Proclamation prohibiting grants of land and also owing to the late unhappy differences. Desires to be informed how to lay this case before him.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Ld Wm Campbell 10 Jany 1775.

[? CORBYN] MORRIS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, January 10. Story's Gate, Westminster.—Sends two copies of a plan for his own and Lord North's perusal only.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Cor. Morris Esqr with a plan for America 1775.

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Enclosure :—

Two copies of a paper headed "A Systematical Plan Submitted for the Conduct of Great Britain towards her North American Colonies particularly in the present Juncture." "It is proposed 1mo That his Majesty's Forces be withdrawn from Boston and immediately take possession of Long Island." Proposes also the fortification of Long Island and Rhode Island, and separate Independent Governments to be immediately constituted there by the authority of the British Legislature. Remarks on these proposals giving reasons for the same. Suggestions concerning several other provinces and "Final Remark" on the whole.

3 large folio pages.

Endorsed (both copies) :—A Systematical Plan for the Conduct of Great Britain towards her North American Colonies.

LORD BARRINGTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, January 11. Cavendish Square.—Sends a paper received yesterday from General Gage. The writer was Lieutenant-Colonel of Royal Highlanders in the last war, now settled in some North American province.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 quarto page.

Endorsed :—Ld Barrington Jany 1775 with a paper sent by Genl Gage.

LORD BARRINGTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, January 11. Cavendish Square.—Considers it proper he should see the enclosed and states that the transport mentioned therein has arrived.

Autograph letter in the third person. 4 lines.

Endorsed :—Lord Barrington 11th Janry 1775, inclosing Extract of a Letter from Genl Gage, relative to the Supply of the Army with Necessaries.

Enclosure :—

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to the Secretary at War [LORD BARRINGTON].

1774, *November* 20. *Boston.—"The Non-Importation Scheme having been adopted in the Colonies, & this Port shut up, it has been judged expedient to fall upon some method to get the troops supplied with the necessaries they will probably be in want of in the Spring of the Year :"—Mr Coffin having agreed to purchase at his own risk these necessaries if he could enter this port, Gage has ordered one of the transports to London to bring out the stores for the troops as this is allowable under the Boston Port Bill.*

Extract. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

MATTHEW BOULTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, January 12. Soho, near Birmingham.—Relates proceedings of a meeting of Birmingham merchants dealing with America, setting

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forth their distress and determination to petition Parliament for redress, notwithstanding remonstrances offered by Doctor Roebuck and himself against such an unwise action. Encloses queries respecting this, drawn up by Doctor Roebuck and himself after this meeting and seeks to show their commercial inconveniences are not so great as they represent.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

JAMES BURROW to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, January 12.—Hopes his Lordship will confer with His Majesty on the enclosed paper.

Autograph letter signed. With seal. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—J. Burrow's Memorial to H. M. on American Affairs 12 Jan. 1775.

Enclosure:—

JAMES BURROW to the KING.

Memorial, dated January 1775, *with a postscript dated* 12 *January. Submitting "cool dispassionate thoughts" on American affairs. These are followed by a draft of instructions suitable to be given to a viceroy proposed to be sent to America to settle the disputes with that country.*

Original. 5⅔ *large folio pages.*

NATHANIEL WALKER to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, January 12. Newman Street.—Has just arrived from New York. Assures him of the tranquillity of the provinces and contradicts from personal observation the accounts given in newspapers. The disturbances are entirely due to a few people from different provinces aiding the Bostonians. Reluctance shewn in giving help for the support of Boston. Seven vessels arrived at Bristol from America in the last few days laden with wheat and flour, and twenty more expected. The "Asia" and "Scarborough" men of war had arrived at Boston, as also the "Mercury" packet at York.

Autograph letter signed. (The signature is over a previously written name.) 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr W——r's Account of American Affairs. 12 Jan. 1775.

MINUTE OF CABINET.

1775, January 13.—Held at Lord Rochford's office. Agreed to recommend to the King the reinforcement of General Gage's army from Ireland, and suggests the acceptance of Brigadier Ruggle's proposal to raise a corps of irregulars. The propriety of restricting the American commerce in consequence of the association of the General Congress. Advisability of sending Commissioners over to negotiate for union with the colonies for the mutual interest of both parties.

Draft. 1½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Dt of Minute. EX.

[ ] to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, January 13.—Letter signed Z Y X. Excuses himself from a personal interview. Informs him of the channel of his intelligence and

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the reasons for giving it. Considers a dutiful representation of the people and country necessary for his Lordship at this important juncture. Remarks on the disposition of the farmers. Seeks to show that the warlike preparations of the Bostonians are a delusion. Gives the general opinion concerning taxation, non-importation and troops.

Autograph letter signed. 6½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Z. Y. X. on American Affairs. 13th Janʸ 1775.

MATTHEW BOULTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, January 15. Soho.—Sends an advertisement forgotten to be enclosed in his last letter [of 12th], also another copy of his Queries, as the former one contained many errors. Assures him no branch of their manufactures will be so much affected by the Americans as the nail trade, and no part of the country will feel its effects so soon as his Lordship's own parish of Bromwich, from which place reliable information can easily be obtained.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto page.*

Enclosures:—

Newspaper Cutting containing two notices dated Birmingham and Dudley 9th and 7th January 1775 calling a meeting of the Merchants, Factors and Manufacturers interested in the trade to America to consider the discouraging state of that trade and the propriety of petitioning Parliament.

1775, *January* 14. *Birmingham.—Queries* (12) *on the propriety of Petitioning Parliament on the present interruption of American Commerce.*

3¼ *large folio pages.*

MATTHEW BOULTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, January 17. Birmingham.—With autograph draft of proposed petition to the House of Commons by the town of Birmingham. Has attended the meeting of merchants and endeavoured to prevent them petitioning Parliament at present but without success, so he and several others in the town considered it their duty "to sign and to promote the signing of a petition which tended 1st to take off that stigma theirs would carry with it, and 2dly to promote Perminance in the execution of our Laws and consequently better security of their American Debts." Desires [Dartmouth's] opinion of this petition which is given at the end of the letter.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Boulton Janʸ 1775.

FLEET in NORTH AMERICA.

1775, January 17. Admiralty Office.—List of Ships and Vessels under the command of Vice-Admiral Samuel Graves.

2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Admty Office 17th Janʸ 1775. List of His Majts Ships and Vessels in North America under the Command of Vice Adl Graves, and of those proposed to be sent thither.

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PIERRE ROUBAUD to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, January 17. London.—Remarks on enclosure.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.* *French.*
Endorsed :—Londres 18 Janʸ 1775 Monsʳ Roubaud.

Enclosure :—

Pierre Roubaud. Second "Memoire sur l'amerique." Present state of America. Strength of the colonists. Best measures to be pursued at this critical juncture.
Autograph. 9⅔ *folio pages.* *French.*
Endorsed :—Memoire 2ᵈ sur l'Amerique par Monʳ Roubaud. R/Jan. 18. 1775.

GOVERNOR THOMAS GAGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, January 18. Boston.—Disposition of the people cooling down. Influence of the press, which has been more open to Government than usual. Hoped to have procured an Association in this town but they hesitate to make open declaration until assured of England's resolve to pursue her measures. Thinks if the most obnoxious of the leaders were seized and pardon proclaimed for others, Government would come off victorious with less opposition than expected a few months since. People concerned in the rash action against Fort William are terrified at their conduct and seek pardon.
Copy. 2½ *folio pages.* [The autograph signed letter is the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 130, fo. 142.]
Endorsed :—Copy of a Letter from the Honᵇˡᵉ Governor Gage to the Earl of Dartmouth dated Boston 18ᵗʰ Janʸ 1775. R/20ᵗʰ Febʸ.

ANDREW PEPP. SPARHAWK to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, January 18. Wednesday.—Having been long employed in service connected with the American timber, states his conviction that the important duty of Surveyor General to the Crown for the northern district cannot be properly fulfilled by the Governor of New Hampshire, as each office requires the time and attention of a separate person. Destruction of timber will not be suppressed while deputies are sent to attend to the business.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed :—Mʳ Sparhawk 18 Janʸ 1775 American Timber.

SIR STANIER PORTEN to MR. POWNALL.

1775, January 19. Thursday morning, St. James's.—Sends a list of Peers invited by Lord Rochford to hear the King's speech at the opening of this session.
Autograph letter in the third person. ½ *quarto page.*

GRANVILLE SHARP to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, January 19. Old Jewry.—Has completed the work mentioned in a previous letter. Sends a copy of it. Hopes he will excuse it

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being sent unbound as he was anxious it should arrive before the House of Lords met tomorrow. Beseeches him not to assist in enforcing the present measures against America. Believes his book, founded on authorities and facts, if read, will convince him of the error of so doing. Has sent a second copy for Lord North's perusal if desirable.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr G. Sharpe 19 Jany 1775. American Measures.

Governor William Tryon to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, January 19. Bath.—Believes the Americans will not henceforth accept Parliamentary taxation in any form, or consume any British articles even if forced to receive them. Cannot agree with his Lordship's idea of holding out the olive branch in one hand and the rod of chastisement in the other. Half measures will not do, delays still more dangerous. Advises removal of stumbling blocks, or vigorous measures. Thanks for public recognition of Colonel Fanning's and Mr. Sauthier's services.

Autograph letter signed. 5½ *quarto pages.*

Governor William Tryon to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, January 19. Bath.—Sends letters from New York which are to be read with that caution expressed in the copy of a letter Lord Dartmouth kept back. Has heard by to-day's post from Captain Penderleath of the death of Mr. Benzel and Alexander Colden, which if true will make room for his friends.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Lieutenant Robert Tomlinson to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, January 20. 9 o'clock, evening. New Round Court, No. 4, Strand —Details of conversation between English merchants and American and West Indian merchants who have lately petitioned Parliament, showing that such was only done to "preserve appearances, and to keep up a good understanding with their correspondents in America and the West Indies." Thought such an impartial, authentic and just account ought to be communicated to his Lordship as it differs so essentially from common report and the newspaper account of things.

Autograph letter signed. 2¼ *quarto pages*

Endorsed:—Lieut[t] Tomlinson 20 Jany 1775 Merch[ts] Petition.

Petition of Merchants.

[1775, January 23.]—Heads of the Petition from the Merchants, Traders and others, concerned in the North American Commerce, [presented to the House of Commons on this day]. That on the balance of the extensive commerce carried on with North America there is now due from the colonies to the city of London alone two millions sterling. That by the operation of various injurious Acts the minds of the people in the colonies are greatly disquieted, a total stop is put to the export trade, and that ruin and distress are before them. They crave an examination of the commercial policy previously maintained to the

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happiness of both countries and that healing remedies should be applied to establish the commerce between them on a permanent foundation.

1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Heads of the Amer[n] Merch[ts] Petition pres[d] 23 Jan. 1775.

Major Philip Skene to Lord North.

1775, January 23. No. 48, Margaret Street, Cavendish Square.—Has seen General Howe, and finds it not impossible to prevail on this brave officer to serve under General Gage, second in command. Highly commends Howe, having served with him in many dangers and found him unsurpassed in activity, bravery and experience and beloved by the troops. Considers Haldimand will be useful to head the Germans. Thinks Chelsea out-pensioners are more fit for immediate service than recruits and they would inspire and assist the young soldiers. Proposes reinforcements from Ireland. Commends Colonel Ord for past services. Reminds him of Edward Coulthurst recommended by Lady Shelburne to be Lieutenant in the Navy.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Maj[r] Skene to Lord North.

Brook Watson to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, January 23. Garlick Hill.—Sends enclosure according to desire.

Original. 3 *lines.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Watson's Thoughts on American Affairs. 23[d] Jan[ry] 1775.

Enclosure:—

Thoughts upon the Dispute between Great Britain and her Colonies "sent to Lord Dartmouth by His Lordships Devoted Hble Serv[t] Brook Watson" 23 January 1775.

[*This is a copy of William Smith's paper, with a few variations and some paragraphs omitted; see the end of* 1774.]

In Watson's hand. 10 *quarto pages.*

John Gordon to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, January 24. Brompton Row.—Thanks for his attention to his affairs, thus enabling him to return to his family. Illness prevents him from personally attending to this business, so desires Mr. Elliot to ascertain when his reference and proposals can be laid before the Board of Trade and his Lordship.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Gordon 24 Jan[y] 1775.

Lord Barrington to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, January 30. Cavendish Square.—Gives strength of the force available for the present year leaving 12,000 men in Ireland and a small force to assist the civil magistrate.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

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Enclosure :—

State of the Force which may be collected in New England in 1775. *Total* 10,819, *leaving* 5,359 *in England and* 1,893 *in Scotland.*

1 *folio page.*

Endorsed :—State of the Force, wch may be collected in New England in 1775. *From Lord Barrington.*

MATTHEW BOULTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, January 30. Soho.—Relative to the petition sent by Birmingham to the House of Commons concerning commerce. Sends a counterbalance which he has had printed in to-day's paper, the petition having been much misrepresented and abused.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Mr Boulton 30 Jany 1775.

Enclosure :—

Newspaper cutting headed Birmingham, January 30, *consisting of an Extract of a Letter from London January* 26 *concerning their* (*Birmingham*) *petition and giving an exact copy to counterbalance the misrepresentations made.*

JOHN MALCOM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, January 31. Westminster.—Desires him to read the enclosed papers and present them a second time to the King in hopes of obtaining some compensation for sufferings endured when Commissioner of Customs at Boston.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Enclosure :—

JOHN MALCOM, Custom House Officer in the Boston Government in North America, to the KING.

1775, *January* 12. *Westminster.—Petition. Relates his military services in the last two American wars especially in connection with Governor Tryon. Has commanded twelve different merchant vessels to different parts of the world and received four commissions in His Majesty's Customs. Details his recent sufferings at Boston. Has been seven months in London waiting for compensation. Desires* £150 *and the employment sought for in the Customs and promised by Lord North.*

Signed. 7 *folio pages.*

Endorsed :—John Malcom true Copy of His Petition gave to His Majesty the 12 *Day of Jany* 1775 *this gave to Lord Dartmouth to Prefer for me to His Majesty &c.*

Annexed :—

JOHN MALCOM to LORD NORTH.

1774, *September* 14. *Westminster.—Desires various employments in the Customs at Falmouth, which he details, the salaries of*

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the whole amounting to £200. Shows the necessity and utility of such appointments and hopes soon to obtain them and return to his family in America.

Signed copy. 2⅔ *quarto pages.*

New York Assembly.

1775, January 31. Assembly Chamber.—Two Motions passed; the first put by Col. Livingston, the second by Mr. Delancey. That a loyal petition be presented to the King, and that a representation and remonstrance be sent to the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

Printed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—N. York Assembly.

Lord William Campbell, Governor of South Carolina, to the King.

N. D. [? 1775, January].—Petition. Owing to the disturbances in the province no dependence can be placed on the Assembly for the £500 voted annually towards his salary; the discontinuing the granting of lands deprives him of £1000 and the stagnation of trade of about £700. Desires a fixed salary to be paid by Government.

Not signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—To the Kings most Excellent Majesty The Humble Petition of Lord William Campbell.

Lord Dartmouth.

N.D. [1775, January.]—Paper headed "Hints &c." being remarks on items 1—17 of Doctor Franklin's Hints for Conversation of 6 December 1774.

Autograph. Two copies.

John Pownall to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, January.—Has settled with Lord North that extracts only of such of Lord Dartmouth's letters as accompanied the Acts of last year, should be laid before Parliament. Military arrangements to complete the regiments for America.

Autograph. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Pownall Jany 1775. Reinforcemt for Gen. Gage.

[ ] to Lord Dartmouth.

N.D. [? 1775, January.] Friday midnight.—Signed Z. Y. X. The fourth letter. Encouraged by the approbation shown by his Lordship of his last two letters will continue to send information concerning American affairs. Remarks on the importation of wine and tea into the Colonies, the former from the Canaries, Madeira and Western Islands, Spain and Portugal, the latter from Holland. States the Government is a great sufferer from this illicit trading. Desirability

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of preventing it. Informs him on good authority that a cargo of 10,000*l.* value consisting of tea, wine, oil, etc. has been lately landed in one night in a principal seaport town in North America. Is concerned to find the misrepresentations of persons in America have influenced some of the leaders in this Kingdom.

Autograph letter signed. 5 folio pages.

Endorsed:—Z. Y. X. on American Affairs.

Doctor John Calef to Sir Francis Bernard.

1775, February 1. Ipswich, New England.—Account of his visit, since his return from London, to Sagadahock, Deer Island and Fox Island, where he found great increase of settlers who now desire a separate Government. Introduces Mr. Parker who has several papers on the subject to show him. Details his persecutions on account of his loyalty to Government.

Autograph letter signed. 3 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—D[r] Calef Feb. 1 1775.

Doctor John Calef to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, February 1. Ipswich in New England.—If a confirmation of the Province grants to them should not take place at present, the people in the territory of Sagadahock desire a Resolve may be made securing their lands to them. As they are about 300 miles from the seat of Government they wish to be separated from Massachusetts Bay and formed into a separate government. Joseph Parker of London, his attorney, will communicate to his Lordship some papers respecting this country.

Autograph letter signed. 3 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—D[r] Calef. N. Engl[d]. 1 Feb. 1775, respecting the Settlements in Sagadahoc, with sev[l] Papers.

The "several Papers" here referred to are noted under their respective dates; they are:—

Doctor Calef to Sir Francis Bernard 1 February 1775.
Sir Francis Bernard to Lord Dartmouth 18 April 1775.
John Calef Memorial to the King. [? 1773].
List of the number of inhabitants settled on lands Eastwards of River Sagadahock. October 1773.
Petition of Settlers of Southern Fox Island 25 November 1772.
Authority to Doctor Calef to act as their agent 25 November 1772.
Petition of Fox Island to the King 9 October 1772.
Authority similar to the above " " "
" " " " " " "
A general account of the country eastward of Sagadahock River Oct. 1772.

Lord Chatham's Bill.

[1775, February 1. Presented to the House of Lords and rejected.] —A Provisional Act for settling the Troubles in America and asserting the supreme Legislative Authority and superintending Power of Great Britain over the Colonies.

Manuscript. 7 large pages.

Endorsed:—Lord Chatham's Bill.

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NEW YORK.

1775, February 1. London.—A paper endorsed "State of Case between Daniel, William & Rebecca Coxe, John T. Kempe & Grace his Wife and Robert Lettis Hooper and others relative to Lands in N. York." Signed by John Coxe.
7½ *folio pages.*

LORD BARRINGTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, February 3. Cavendish Square.—Major Generals Howe, Clinton, and Burgoyne are appointed to serve under General Gage and have received the King's orders in the most becoming manner.
Autograph letter in the third person. 6 *lines.*
Endorsed:—L[d] Barrington 3 Feb[y] 1775.

GEORGE PAYNE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, February 5.—Desires him to second his application to Lord North for some appointment in the American Plan.
Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—G. Payne Esq[r] desiring employm[t] in America.

DOCTOR JOHN FOTHERGILL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, [February] 6th instant. Harpur Street.—Regrets the failure of his negotiation owing to the Boston Port Bill and the Government of Massachusetts and Quebec Acts for "as a concession to pay a tax was the *sine qua non* on this side, so a rescinding of those Acts, or rather repealing them, is the term of reconciliation on the other." No permission had been given to him to raise hopes that the Acts would be repealed and nothing less would satisfy. If the whole of America were as sensible of the advantages of peace and as disposed to it as his Lordship, it would be soon accomplished, but the contrary is the case at present. If these Acts were repealed America would return to every just expression of duty. The party [Dr. Franklin] we conferred with would have no objection to petition for the restoration of peace, to offer on the part of Boston to pay the East India Company for the tea though at the risk of his own private fortune, and concert every means of a lasting and reciprocally beneficial union.
Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—D[r] Fothergill 6 Feb[y] 1775.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WILLIAM BULL to WILLIAM KNOX.

1775, February 7. Charlestown.—Recommends to his notice the bearer of this, Mr. Johnston, Clerk of the Crown in South Carolina, who is well versed in American affairs. Fears Parliament is too sanguine concerning the likelihood of America acceding to its wishes, for she seems determined to persevere in her present plans unless the Boston and Revenue Acts are repealed. Remarks on provincial disputes.
Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

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STEPHEN FULLER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, February 7.—Informs his Lordship that the West India Planters and Merchants have this day signed a Petition to the House of Lords. This petition is of the same tenor and purport as that to the House of Commons herein enclosed.

Autograph letter in the third person. ¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—St. Fuller Esq^{r} 7 Feb^{y} 1775.

Enclosure:—

The Planters of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies residing in Great Britain, and the Merchants of London trading to the said Colonies, Petition to the House of Commons. Inconveniences to commerce arising from the non-importation agreement of Congress. Hope measures will be taken to prevent further evils.

Not signed. 3½ *large folio pages.*

DAVID INGERSOLL (of Great Barrington, Massachusetts Bay) to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N.D. [1775, February 7.]—Memorial. Personal sufferings owing to his loyalty. Annexes narrative giving details.

Original signed. 1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Memorial of David Ingersoll Esq^{r}.

Annexed:—

1775, *February 7. London.—Narrative of David Ingersoll. Attack on his house at Great Barrington in the early morning of 2^{d} August last; was compelled by the mob to ride out fifteen miles to Canaan where under a Liberty pole he had to sign a declaration. Details his sufferings on account of his loyalty to Government, his escapes and application to Gen^{l} Gage for protection. Seeks compensation for his losses.*

Autograph. 7 *folio pages.*

COLONEL W. DALRYMPLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, February 8. London.—Having been appointed Lieutenant Colonel to the 14th Regiment, asks how he can return to those troops he formerly commanded without some mark of favour for his past honourable situation. Fears the disgrace that will attend him if he goes without this public recognition of past services.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Col. Dalrymple 8 Feb^{y} 1775.

LORD HARDWICKE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, February 8.—With a memorandum on a separate paper relative to the Bill on American affairs. Time to be given to the non-rebellious colonies to recede from their non-importation and non-exportation agreements. Objection to the meeting of the Continental Congress without leave of the Crown.

Autograph 3¼ *note pages.*

Endorsed:—E. of Hardwicke 8 Feb. 1775.

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RICHARD OSWALD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, February 9. Achincrue near Ayr.—Having been a merchant in London for 29 years offers his Lordship the enclosed sentiments on the state of American commerce. Remarks on American affairs in general.

Autograph letter signed. 6½ *quarto pages.* [Letter and enclosure reproduced in B. F. Stevens's Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America.]

Endorsed:—Rich[d] Oswald 9 Feb[y] 1775.

On a wrapper is the following in Mr. Pownall's hand "The inclosed paper sets out awkwardly and the style is unpromising—but there is great knowledge of the Subject it treats of and a very uncommon precision and Acuteness in the reasoning & reflection upon the facts stated in respect to the Commerce & policy of Virginia. M[r] Oswald is a merchant of great Esteem & Credit.—Your Lordships Uncle had a great Confidence in his Integrity & ability & I believe consulted him much in matter of Commercial policy. Will it not be proper to answer his Letter & to encourage him to go on in what he has so ably begun?"

Enclosure:—

Richard Oswald. Thoughts on the State of America. Suggestions on sending over a private agent to Virginia to endeavour to detatch it from the other provinces in acceding or cordially co-operating with them in the second intended Congress. Commercial difficulties.

Autograph. 21½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Thoughts on the State of America.

PARLIAMENT to the KING.

Three drafts for the address of the Houses of Parliament, separately and jointly. Not dated, but by reference to the Journals of the House believed to be that presented 9 February 1775. Concerning the undutiful conduct of Americans and desiring the King to take speedy measures to bring them to obedience.

6½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Dra[t] of Address.

CAPTAIN JOHN STANTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, February 9. Dover.—Laments the dreadful consequences that must ensue from the approaching contest. Offers his services, asking for the rank of a Major and command of a corps of Rangers in New England composed of ten companies taken from the Regiments quartered in that province.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Cap. Stanton 9 Feb[y] 1775. Ex.

JOHN BOYD to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, February 10. Grafton Street.—Expresses his gratitude for attention shown to his application and would be obliged if the affair could be finished before he goes out of town.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—J. Boyd Es[q][r] 10 Feb[y] 1775.

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LORD HYDE to LORD HOWE.

1775, February 10. Grosvenor Street.—"I feel, my dear Lord, y^r friendship in taking much pains only from a word I dropped. I will not further trouble you now, but if I hear nothing to the contrary I will wait on you in my way to L^d Dartmouth's where I am to be at eleven this morning, & shall wait to receive y^r commands ab^t imparting y^r sentiments. "E^r, my dear Lord most cordially y^r
"Grosvenor Street, 10^th Feb. 1775. HYDE."

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.* (The end of Lord Howe's letter of 29 June to Lord Hyde is written, apparently by mistake, on the back of this letter.)

JAMES ABERCROMBY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, February 13. Oxendon Street.—Recommending Mr. G. Corbin to be of the Council of Virginia.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

GOVERNOR PETER CHESTER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, February 13. Pensacola.—Sends by Mr. Hervey (son of the Bishop of Derry and nephew of the Earl of Bristol) some plants and tobacco grown in West Florida. Will be glad to be of any service to his Lordship.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Pensacola 13 Feb^y 1775. Gov^r Chester.

MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM HOWE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, February 13. Monday, 3 o'clock, Queen Street.—Since he had the honour of seeing His Lordship this morning, has been informed by Amherst of the state of the artillery now at Boston and considers it fully adequate to any service in America.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Maj. Gen. Howe 13 Feb^y 1775.

MAJOR PHILIP SKENE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, February 13, Monday evening. No. 50, Margaret Street.—Thanks for obtaining for him the Lieutenant Governorship of Crown Point and Ticonderoga and place vacant by Mr. Benzell's death. Will go to America as soon as possible and there seek to show his gratitude by zealous service.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Maj^r Skene 13 Feb^y 1775.

E. VANDERHORST to the REVEREND DR. SAMUEL COOPER, Boston, New England, per ship "Ann," Captain Forten, *viâ* Philadelphia.

1775, February 16. Bristol.—Writes again to beseech him to exert his influence to prevent the horrors of a civil war in New England as it appears to be the intention of Government by oppression force America to commit some act of hostility and thus justify their

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conduct. Seeks to show they had better bear the distress caused by non-importation etc. than give cause for war or the accusation of being called rebels. Hopes they will adopt Lord Chatham's plan of reconciliation.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Intercepted Letter from M^r^ Vanderhorst of Bristol to D^r^ Cooper of New England, dated Sept. 1775.

PLAN of CONCILIATION and UNION.

[1775, February 16].—"A Plan for a *permanent* Union between Great Britain and the Colonies" with Remarks. The plan begins "1st. The Tea distroy'd to be paid for: And in order that no time may be lost to begin the desirable Work of Conciliation, it is proposed that the Agent, in a Petition to the King should engage that the Tea distroy'd *shall* be paid for." [This paper is not signed nor dated but is found to be the same as that quoted in Sparks's Franklin, Vol. 5, p. 58, where Dr. Franklin in his Journal introduces it thus:—"I waited upon him [Mr. Barclay] the next morning, when he told me, that he had seen Lord Hyde, and had some further discourse with him on the *Articles;* that he thought himself now fully possessed of what would do in this business; that he therefore wished another meeting with me and Dr. Fothergill, when he would endeavour to bring prepared a draft conformable chiefly to what had been proposed and conceded on both sides, with some propositions of his own. I readily agreed to the meeting, which was to be on Thursday evening, February 16^th^.

We met accordingly, when M^r^ Barclay produced the following paper."]

6¼ *quarto pages.*

PHILIP STEPHENS to JOHN POWNALL.

1775, February 17. Admiralty.—Has been informed that the "Falcon," sloop, has been driven back by contrary winds to St. Helens. Mentions this in case further dispatches were intended to go by her.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Admty Office 17^th^ Feb^y^ 1776. M^r^ Stephens. J.P.

PAUL WENTWORTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, February 18. Poland Street.—Received yesterday about 12 o'clock a letter sent by an express which left Amsterdam last Monday, stating that three ships were in the Texel nearly ready to sail to America with warlike stores. Plan he has adopted to intercept them.

Autograph letter signed. 6 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—P. Wentworth Esq^r^ 18 Feb^y^ 1775, contains intelligence of vessels loads in Holland for America.

The EARL OF HARDWICKE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, February 19. St. James's Square.—Is told that Lord North is to move some very material motion relative to America tomorrow. Wishes it may bring about the end desired.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—E. of Hardwicke 19 Feb^y^ 1775.

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The Earl of Hardwicke to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, February 19. St. James's Square.—Thanks for the communication of the intended resolution, will return it as soon as possible. Fears it will not forward conciliation with the colonies.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—E. of Hardwicke 19 Feb^{y} 1775.

Sir James Adolphus Oughton to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, February 20. Caroline Park.—Hearing that General Hodgson is dangerously ill asks him to interest Lord North on his behalf to obtain the Government of Fort George if a vacancy occurs, as he considers he has some natural claim to it.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—S^{r} Ad. Oughton Feb^{y} 1775.

House of Commons.

N. D. [1775, February 20].—Two drafts of a resolution of a Committee that it is their opinion that when any of the colonies are raising money to be disposed of by Parliament for the common defence of His Majesty's dominions, it will be proper to forbear in respect to such levying any duty or tax or to impose any further duty or tax excepting those expedient to impose for the regulation of commerce. Both drafts contain an interpolated paragraph in Dartmouth's hand.

(Not dated, but by reference to the Commons' Journal it is found to have been proposed 20 February and passed 27 February 1775.)

1½ *pages each.*

Endorsed:—Dra^{t} of Resolution.

Richard Oswald to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, February 21. Achincrue in Airshire, N. B.—Remarks on the enclosures. Has replied to the first and endeavoured to engage his friend on the side of moderation. His Lordship may see this answer if desired before it is sent to America.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅝ *quarto pages.* [Letter and enclosures reproduced in B. F. Stevens's Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America.]

Enclosures:—

1775, *January* 4.—*Extract of a letter from a friend in Charlestown* [*possibly Hy. Laurens*] *to Richard Oswald. On the* 11*th instant there will be a meeting on this ground of Members elected in each district of the province,* 120 *in the whole, to nominate delegates for the second Congress to be held at Philadelphia on* 10 *May next. The people are disposed to quietness and all the obedience that ought to be expected from them, provided they are reinstated in those rights and privileges they previously enjoyed. If this is denied, infinite trouble and distress must come to America and England. Personal losses*

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Enclosures—cont.

from the present state of affairs. The disposition of South Carolina is contrary to that shown by the Grand Juries there. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter From Charlestown 4 Janry. 1775.

1775, *February* 21.—*Richard Oswald. Memorandum with respect to South Carolina. A very long and closely written paper. Commercial difficulties in that Province. Suggests suitable measures to be taken with it. Remarks on Georgia.*

Autograph. 20½ *quarto pages.*

LORD DARTMOUTH to GOVERNOR FRANCIS LEGGE.

1775, February 22. Whitehall.—No. 12. Remarks on the Bill to restrain the trade and prohibit the fisheries of the four New England provinces, also on a resolution on the further consideration of the American papers. Hopes that the firmness shown by Britain to preserve the colonies in a state of dependence tempered with that indulgence respecting taxation now held out will convince the Americans of the error of their conduct and restore public tranquillity. Grants Tonge leave of absence as desired.

Duplicate letter signed. 3¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—No. 12. Lord Dartmouth's Letter Feb. 22d 1775 duplicate.

RICHARD OSWALD to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, February 22. Achincrue, Airshyre.—Sent, by yesterday's post, to his friend in London various papers—thinks his answer to his friend in Charlestown of some importance and has requested Mr. Herries to forward it to his Lordship without delay for his approbation. His own doubts of its propriety.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.* [Reproduced in B. F. Stevens's Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America.]

COLONEL JAMES ROBERTSON to [ ].

1775, February 22. New York.—Has selected the papers that accompany this, that his correspondent may see the resolves and preparations for rebellion in their genuine colours. True disposition of the people. Advises that the leaders of the present troubles be punished and then order may be restored. Lord Barrington to be informed that the troops are well quartered at Boston in spite of the opposition of all the provinces and beyond the expectation of friends.

Copy. 3½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Col. James Robertson, dated New York, 22 Febry 1775.

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Isaac Royall to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, February 22. Medford.—Sends copy of a letter written in the previous year in which he requested Lord Dartmouth to use his influence and interest in behalf of the distressed Colonies. They contend for the restoration of their charter and constitutional rights. Hostile preparations made by Gage through all the provinces will he fears produce fatal consequences. Desires his interposition at this critical juncture. Excuses himself from public service on account of ill-health.

Letter signed. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Medford N. Eng^{d} 1774 Anonymous, on Colony Affairs.

Enclosure:—

[Isaac Royall] to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, *January* 18. *Medford, New England.—Having been for 30 years past in Assembly or Council, assures him of the loyalty of the people though they are zealous for their constitutional rights. Thinks if the Revenue Act were repealed and affairs part in the same situation as formerly, harmony would return between the two countries. Fears while animosities continue, France and Spain are triumphing and working secretly "in sowing and fomenting jealousies and divisions" between Britain and America.*

Copy not signed. 3⅓ *large folio pages.*

Lord Barrington to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, February 24. Cavendish Square.—The King seeming very desirous that General Gage should be directed to augment his force at Boston, desires him to confer with His Majesty respecting the regiments to be sent to assist Gage. Sends question he thinks should be decided by the Attorney and Solicitor General so that the military may know how to act towards the insurgents.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L^{d} Barrington 24 Feb. 1775.

Enclosure:—

Question to be sent to the Attorney and Solicitor General for their decision, as to whether, in the present situation of Massachusetts, the troops may act, without direction from a civil magistrate, against persons unlawfully in arms in that province, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

1½ *quarto page.*

William Gerard de Brahm to Lord Dartmouth.

177[5], February 24.—Reports that the King's armed vessel the "Cherokee" ordered to attend him on the general surveys is floating in the river and despatching her rigging to sail as soon as ordered. Desires instructions. Remarks on his salary and the enclosed paper.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page. Seal.*

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Enclosure :—

1775, *February* 18.—*Observations on the transit of Saturn.*

HENRY WHITE to GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON.

1775, April [*qy.* should be February] 25. New York.—A vessel being now bound for Falmouth loaded with wheat by the writer he embraces the opportunity to send a sheet of the votes of the present sessions showing that the Assembly perseveres in discountenancing the measures of the Congress and refuses to send delegates there next May. The House is preparing the Petition to the King and Parliament, which he hopes will have a salutary effect on this country.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed :—Henry White New York 25 feb^{y} 1775. Rec^{d} 10 Ap^{l}, d^{o} Ans^{r}.

Enclosure :—

New York General Assembly. Pages 43–46 *of the printed Journal of Proceedings,* 17 *to* 21 *February.*

JOHN CAMBEL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, February 26. Brompton (Kent).—Mentions his introduction (by Governor Browne) to a Mr. Reynolds to whom he gave information respecting West Florida. Fears however from recent news that the Governor must have been greatly deceived in him and informs his Lordship of it to prevent imposition and exculpate himself from censure. Refers for his own character to several ordnance officers under whom he has served for fourteen years.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Eng^{r} Campbell concern^{g} M^{r} Reynholds.

RICHARD OSWALD to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, February 27, Achincrue.—Apologizes for the untidiness of his enclosure. Thinks there is a defect in the present mode of ascertaining the value of our exports and imports. Suggests method to remedy this. Hopes something will be done with South Carolina as it is in fault and capable of doing much harm to other provinces.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.* [Letter and enclosure reproduced in B. F. Stevens's Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America.]

Enclosure :—

Sketch of a supposititious examination at the bar of the House [*of Commons*], *in Richard Oswald's hand. Explaining his commercial dealings with America. Remarks on their trade in general.*

26½ *folio pages.*

The REVEREND SAMUEL PETERS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, February 27. Heralds Office.—Relates his distresses owing to persecution by the people in Connecticut, whose Governor and civil

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authority refused him the protection due to him. Desires some appointment either in England, or in America among the Indians, by which he may be able to support his motherless family. Remarks on the disturbances in Connecticut and Lord North's motion for taxation.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev. M^r^ Peters Feb^y^ 27, 1775.

JOSEPH GALLOWAY.

1775, February 28 / 1775, March 26.—Paper headed "Secret Intelligence"—being extracts of Joseph Galloway's letter to Governor William Franklin, Philadelphia 28 February, of Governor Franklin's answer, dated Perth Amboy 12 March, and of a further communication from Galloway 26 March, dated from Trevose his country seat in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. *28th February:*—The people of this Province (Pennsylvania) are altering their sentiments and conduct with amazing rapidity. On the previous Thursday and Friday he spoke his sentiments in the Assembly without reserve censuring and condemning the measures of the Congress in everything. He stood single and unsupported. The opposition was violent and indecent but 14 members came over to him and they managed to postpone the debate to gain time to oppose the motion for presenting an Address to the King. Sends his pamphlet containing a Plan of Accommodation. *Answer, 12th March:*—The Assembly of his Province was precipitately hurried into an express approbation of the measures of the Congress. Details of the proceeding. Discusses the pamphlet. *Mr. Galloway, 26 March:*—A full account of the debates in his Assembly. As a specimen of the insults he has received, relates that a box was left at his lodgings containing a halter and a threatening letter.

19½ *folio pages.* [A copy of this is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 195, fo. 233.]

Endorsed:—*Secret Intelligence.* Correspondence between Gov^r^ Franklin & M^r^ Galloway in Feb. & March 1775.

SIR WILLIAM HAMILTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, February 28. Naples.—As it is reported that Lord Grantham will not stay long at Madrid, asks to be recommended to Lord North for that vacancy. Laments the sad state of American affairs, but admires his Lordship's firmness in the matter. Considers if there is war it will be owing to Lord Chatham's indiscreet action.

Autograph letter signed. 5 *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—S^r^ W^m^ Hamilton Naples March 1775.

REMARKS on LORD CHATHAM'S SPEECH.

1775, February.—"Lord Chatham observed on the first Day of the Meeting, that the Papers could not contain anything that was not of public Notoriety:" General condition of the American provinces. Proceedings in Boston. Mr. Ruggles proposes to raise a regiment from amongst the friends of Government there. States the disposition of the majority in New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, and the Southern Colonies respectively.

4½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Remarks on Lord Chatham's Speech, &c. Feb. 1775.

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WILLIAM HEY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

N. D. [1775, February]. Tuesday morning. Jermyn Street.—Recommending Captain Hamilton of the 19th regiment to the office of Superintendent of a post at Detroit.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Hey Feb[y] 1775, rec[d] Capt. Hamilton.

SIR JAMES ADOLPHUS OUGHTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D. [? 1775, February].—Sends a letter from his friend Captain Balfour. Other letters from Boston also state the violences committed by the people there who are disclaiming allegiance and preparing for action in the spring. Thinks the only alternative left is either to put the laws in execution by force of arms, or withdraw the troops entirely with every loyal subject and stop all communication and commerce with other countries until they return to obedience. States what he considers would be the result of the latter measure.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅔ *quarto pages.*

CAPTAIN THOMAS WEBB to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, March 1. New York.—Disposition of the people in America is more favourable than a few months ago. The measures of Congress being disapproved and rejected by the New York Assembly is one grand blow. Believes that if the King's standard were raised about three fourths of the people would join. It is suggested by some that shutting up the ports would soon bring them back to a proper obedience. The consequent indigence and poverty would lead them to break through the resolves of Congress. Intends publishing some facts, relative to their proceedings, in the form of an address to all the artificers and manufacturers in Great Britain showing that the true cause of the present disturbance is the restless spirit of independence. Has sent this pamphlet to Charles Wesley for revision. Encloses copy of a letter written to his brother.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅔ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Cap. Webb N. York. 1 M[ch] 1775.

Enclosure:—

[CAPTAIN THOMAS WEBB] to his BROTHER.

Laments the present condition of America. Surprised at the measures of Congress especially the defiant attack on the British Constitution and assuming to themselves a power of legislation upon democratical and republican principles. Suggests measures to be taken by loyal subjects to show their allegiance.

Autograph copy. 4¼ *folio pages.*

[HENRY WHITE] to GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON.

1775, March 1. New York.—Since his letter of a few days previous, relates the further proceedings of the Assembly with regard to the Congress to be held next May.

Autograph letter. With seal. 1⅓ *folio pages.*

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Sir Egerton Leigh to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, March 2.—Sends his memorial being unable to obtain access to his Lordship. Lord Gower recommended a memorial and promised to speak for him.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

Memorial to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, *March 2. Saville Row.—His late father was appointed Chief Justice of South Carolina in* 1753. *Relates his public services since* 1755. *Shows pecuniary losses since* 1766 *owing to the successful combinations of a powerful faction to whose insults he has also been subjected. His office as Surveyor General has been extinguished by the King's order respecting vacant lands and his health is much impaired by the climate. Seeks some office in any province north of Pennsylvania or other more suitable climate.*

Autograph, signed. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Memorial of S^r Egerton Leigh Bar^t.

1775, March 2.—New York Gazetteer or Connecticut, Hudson's River, New Jersey and Quebec Weekly Advertiser, No. 98.

Printed. 1 *sheet* = 4 *pages.*

Governor William Tryon to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, March 2. Saville Row.—Thanks for permission to remain in England till next May for the re-establishment of his health.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov. Tryon 2 March, 1775.

Circular to Governors.

1775, March [3]. Whitehall.—[Lord Dartmouth]. Circular to the Governors of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Governor and Company of Connecticut and the Governor and Company of Rhode Island. Sending copy of a resolution of the House of Commons of 27 February to the effect that if any of the Provinces propose to make provision for contributing to the common defence and for the support of the Government and the administration of justice, no tax, duty, or assessment shall be there levied except any duties it may be expedient to levy or impose for the regulation of Commerce. Lord Dartmouth enlarges on the justice and moderation of the resolution, and on the King's sentiments and desire for reconciliation.

15 *folio pages.* [Draft of this is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 279, fo. 89.]

Endorsed:—Draft of Circular inclos^d Resolution of H. of Commons March 1775. Ex.

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COLONEL WILLIAM DALRYMPLE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, March 4. London.—Offers his services as Adjutant General for America should it be thought proper to make the appointment.
Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.
Endorsed:—Col. Dalrymple 4 March 1775.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, March 4. Boston.—No. 25. Transmits a paper of intelligence of the "Machinations and projects of these People." Will tell him later on the source of this intelligence. Account of search for artillery at Salem by Lieutenant Colonel Leslie. Indian affairs in the northern district are in an uncertain situation but no answers have been received to recent letters.
Duplicate letter signed. 1¾ *folio pages.* [The originals of this and its enclosure are in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 130, fos. 233 and 237.]
Endorsed:—Duplicate of Gen[l] Gage's Letter of 4[th] March, 1775.

Enclosure:—

1775, *February 24 to March 4.—Paper headed Intelligence. The Committee of Safety appointed by the Congress, consisting of Hancock, Warren, Church, Heath and Geary, is to observe the motions of the army and to communicate all intelligence to Colonel Ward etc. Expresses to be sent round the country to collect the Minute Men to oppose the troops. A Committee of Supply has been appointed to purchase military stores to be deposited at Concord and Worcester. Gives detailed account of further measures intended to be pursued by the Congress.*
6½ *folio pages.*

COLONEL JAMES ROBERTSON to [ ].

1775, March 4. New York.—Placed in a scene which becomes every hour more interesting, thinks a short account would entertain him. The design of the authors of the Congress was solely to unite all the colonies in a war against the mother country. Preparations making for war in New England. Disposition and proceedings at New York. Arrival of two ships from England, but were not allowed to unload their goods. Proceedings of the faction in regard to this.
Autograph letter signed. 2 folio pages.

JOHN FENTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, March 5. Portsmouth.—Shews that the times are perilous and his situation becoming more difficult to maintain; hopes however with the assistance of his two fellow members in the General Assembly for the county of Grafton to keep that district loyal. Fears he may not succeed and as Government servants have no refuge but Castle William and Mary suggests that it be better fortified and will gladly assist in this work if agreeable to his Lordship.
Autograph letter signed. 4 quarto pages.

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LORD TOWNSHEND to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, March 5. Portman Square.—Highly recommends the petitioner for his past services in America and proposes that one of the little Governments of Posts now being made there, be given him.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L[d] Townshend 6 M[ch] 1775, with a memorial of B. Roche, Esq[r].

Enclosure:—

BOYLE ROCHE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, *March 2.—Memorial. Relates his past 24 years' services. Refers to Sir J. Amherst, General Monckton, General Howe and General Keppel for his military character. Desires appointment to some post if agreeable to his Lordship.*

Signed. 2¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—The Memorial of Boyle Roche Esq[r].

MAJOR [DAVID] HAY.

1775, March 6.—Memorandum concerning Major Hay. Details his services since 1745—that he had served thirty years in the Royal Regiment of Artillery. Is perfectly acquainted with the Indians and prays he may be appointed Governor of Fort Detroit on Lake Erie, as he knows that country well. States the services rendered by his grandfather and father to their country and the losses sustained by them in consequence of the treatment of the rebels.

3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mem[m] concerning Major Hay.

[GOVERNOR JONATHAN TRUMBULL], on behalf of the Governor and Company of CONNECTICUT, to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, March [10]. Lebanon.—Expressing concern at the unhappy dissensions between the Colonies and Great Britain, the unfeigned loyalty and attachment of the colony but the unlimited powers lately claimed by the British Parliament have driven them to the borders of despair, their concern and anxiety at the situation of the town of Boston, and recommending its case, which in effect is that of all the colonies, to Lord Dartmouth's candid attention and benevolent interposition.

Not signed. 3 *folio pages.*

PAUL WENTWORTH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, March 11. Poland Street.—Contains intelligence concerning the measures of the Dutch Government with reference to vessels carrying powder to St. Eustatius.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—P. Wentworth Esq[r] 11 M[ch] 1775.

MAJOR ROGERS to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, March 13.—Desiring that his commission as Major of Rangers be renewed, as without it he cannot take that rank in the army. Gives

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reasons that have prevented him making proper application before and considers he has more right to promotion than Lieutenant Colonel Gorham.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Majr Rogers 13 Mch 1775.

Patrick Stuart to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, March 13. London.—On account of his thirty years' service in the navy and his brother John's recommendation desires a promotion when opportunity offers.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Pat. Stuart 13 Mch 1775.

The Reverend Samuel Peters to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, March 14. Heralds' Office.—States the measures proposed by the loyalists as desirable to be taken with regard to Connecticut and Rhode Island at the present time, to establish peace in those two colonies. Gives names of those friendly to Government there.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Revd Mr Peters 14 Mch 1775.

James Perry to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, March 15. Wolverhampton.—Is grieved to see the want of confidence between the Government and America and the discontent among English merchants. Shows the distressed situation of those engaged in the North American trade by the Prohibitory Act. Wishes the evil consequences could be mitigated by some power being invested in the respective Governors. Is still of opinion that force will never subdue America, but relaxation of laws and promised privileges may assist. Remarks on American shipping.

Autograph letter signed. 5½ *folio pages. Seal.*

William Lee to Josiah Quincey, Junior, Boston.

1775, March 17. London.—Considers the enclosed should be published in all "yr" newspapers and communicated to those to whom it is addressed by every possible means. "It might be improved by introducing this sentiment, that the same principle which induces our Ministers to take the American money by violence from them, will in all probability soon operate on them to withhold the Soldiers poor pittance of pay." Dr. Franklin about to depart for Philadelphia. "You have the whole ministerial plan of despotism before you . . . . For my own part rather than submit to so infamous a system I would suffer every earthly evil & dye on the last mountain in America." Vote of £500 granted by Bill of Rights Society, for sufferers in Boston, and fishermen of New England.

Autograph letter signed. With seal (broken). 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Josiah Quincey landed at Marblehead and died a few days after.

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Printed circular signed D. Smith. "*Sir, You are desired to be at a Court of Common-Council at Guildhall on Tuesday next, being the 14th Day of March, 1775, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon. D. Smith. N.B.—To consider of a Petition to the House of Lords against an unjust and inhuman Bill, which has passed the House of Commons, intitled, 'A Bill to restrain the Trade and Commerce of the Province of Massachusett's Bay, &c.' The Lord Mayor will take the Chair at Eleven precisely.*" *(At the foot in William Lee's writing)—*"*In consequence of this Summons, the Corporation drew up and presented a strong petition to the House of Lords, which with the resolution of the Bill of Rights Society shows the disposition of the people of London with respect to America more strongly than any thing I can say.*"

1 *quarto page.*

Printed address to the Soldiers signed "*An Old Soldier*" *and beginning* "*Gentlemen, You are about to embark for America, to compel your Fellow Subjects there to submit to Popery and Slavery. It is the Glory of the British Soldier, that he is the Defender, not the Destroyer, of the Civil and Religious Rights of the People.*" *Reminds them of James II., and of his seizure of the seven bishops. Assures them that the Americans in their efforts to obtain redress of their Grievances, are right before God and man, and that their honour as Gentlemen and soldiers forbids them to be the instruments of forcing chains upon their injured fellow subjects.*

Note in William Lee's writing at the foot of document. "*This has been sent to Ireland to be publish'd there. London March* 1775."

1 *page.*

New York General Assembly to the King.

1775, March 25. Assembly Chambers, City of New York.—Petition. Signed, by order of the General Assembly, John Cruger, Speaker. Stating their grievances as to taxation, representation, and the various Acts imposing duties on articles of commerce, shutting the port of Boston, etc. etc., and desiring redress and such a system of Government confirmed by His Majesty as will ascertain and limit the authority claimed by the British legislature.

Original. 6¾ *large pages.* [A printed copy of this and the following to the Lords is in the Public Record Office, Board of Trade, New York, Vol. 109, No. 3.]

Copy of the foregoing.

New York General Assembly to the House of Lords.

1775, March 25. Assembly Chamber, City of New York.—Memorial. Signed by John Cruger, Speaker. While acknowledging themselves bound by ties of faith & allegiance to the King and considering themselves, with England, parts of one great empire, declare themselves entitled to *equal rights and privileges* with their fellow subjects in

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Great Britain. Enumerate their grievances, such as the duties levied without their consent, the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty Courts, the shutting of the Port of Boston, etc., and appeal to their Lordships to aid and concur in redressing these grievances and to remove all causes of dissension.

Original. 5¾ *large pages.*

Copy of the foregoing.

Lord Barrington to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, March 28. Cavendish Square. — Desires that the Major Generals proceeding to America may take with them definite instructions respecting their conduct towards the insurgents in New England. Has the greatest confidence in General Gage and encloses extract of a letter received yesterday from him.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L^d^ Barrington 28 March 1775.

Enclosure:—

[Lieutenant General Gage] to [Lord Barrington].

[1775, *February* 10].—*Fears Lord Barrington flatters him in the approbation of his conduct. Has done his utmost to remove the prejudices of the people and baffle the projects of the hot-headed leaders of the opposition, and partly succeeded. Waits with impatience for further orders as offensive measures are becoming necessary and doubtless will be included in his next instructions.*

Extract in Barrington's hand. 1 *quarto page.*

John Fenton to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, March 29. Portsmouth, New Hampshire.—Since his letter of 5 March has heard that Captain Cochran (provincial officer of Castle William and Mary) has an appointment of ten shillings per day—does not wish to interfere with him, but would gladly serve in the establishment of that fort or any other employment. Gives his past military services as an excuse for the present intrusion on his Lordship.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Fenton Portsmouth N. Hamp. 5. 29 M^ch^ 1775, respecting Capt. Cochran &c.

Governor Patrick Tonyn to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, March 29. On board the Britannia and Florida, St. John River.—No. 7. Private. Remarks on enclosures which are fees charged for running the three tracts of land belonging to his Lordship's family. Will give a full description of them when he returns to St. Augustine.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^r^ Tonyn.

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Enclosures:—

EAST FLORIDA.

Frederick George Mulcaster. A/c of Fees for running a tract of 20,000 acres belonging to the Honourable Heneage Legge amounting to £88. 6. 7 the survey charged at 4/6 per hundred. Another for the Honourable Charles Legge for the same number of acres amounts to £87. 9. 8, and a third for the Honourable William Legge to £87. 6. 7.

Signed. ¾ folio page respectively.

GOVERNOR PATRICK TONYN to LORD DARTMOUTH:

1775, *February* 20. *St. Augustine.—No* 6. *Private. Gives his reasons for having made so urgent a request to the Board of Ordnance for stores—perceives his error and apologizes for it.*

Duplicate autograph letter signed. 2 folio pages. [*The original letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol.* 245, *fo.* 115.]

[ ] to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

[1775], March 29. Wednesday.—Letter not signed nor addressed, possibly from a secretary. "Agreeable to the Advice wch your Lordship was pleased to Give me on the 8th February last I have repeatedly seen Sir George Savile":—Has been unsuccessful in his interview with Lord Rockingham respecting New Hampshire business. Observations respecting the secretaryship of New Hants; disputes with Governor Wentworth regarding Mr. Green and Mr. King who are seeking this office in consequence of the age and infirmities of Mr. Atkinson who now fills it.

3¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Case of Mr Green.

CABINET MINUTE.

1775, March 30.—In Lord Dartmouth's hand. It is agreed to recommend to the King that a Commission under the Great Seal be given to the Governor of the Massachusetts Bay. That Governor to be empowered to issue a Proclamation offering pardon to rebels who shall surrender within a certain time, except those concerned in the late Provincial Congress or who have made any attack on His Majesty's forts or ships.

Accompanying this is a memorandum also in Lord Dartmouth's hand, not dated, but endorsed "1775. Memorandum. From the King."—"The King was pleased to say that there is nothing he more earnestly desires than to remove the Jealousies and quiet the Apprehensions of his American Subjects & to see them reconciled to British Government upon principles that may secure the permanent peace and tranquility of the British Empire; that he considers it as his first duty to maintain & support the rights of the Constitution of Great Britain and that he shall always be ready to concur with his Parliament in taking such measures for these purposes, as the situation of America & the condition of his Subjects there may require."

1¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Minute of *Cabinet*, 30th March, 1775.

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Thomas Wharton to Samuel Wharton.

1775, March 30. Philadelphia.—A report prevails here that the unhappy dispute between England and America will shortly be settled. Lord North has "declared himself not to have been the Author of those Acts relative to Boston, and that he will give up the Authors &c." Is assured the Americans will never be a happy people unless some constitutional line is drawn between Great Britain and them. "It will not be fifty years before we shall be at intestine wars among ourselves as this continent seems now to swarm with inhabitants."

Extract. Intercepted. ¾ *folio page.*

Endorsed:— Philadelphia, March 30, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Thomas Wharton, to Samuel Wharton Esq[r].

Thomas Parker to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, March 31. Lincolns Inn.—Suggests means of raising the proportion of the expenses of Government from the subjects in America and so obviate the difficulties that attend the present mode of taxation.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Tho. Parker 31 March 1775.

Colonel Philip Skene and the Reverend John Vardill to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, March.—Soliciting his attention to the case of the Presbyterian Churches of New York. Endorse the opinion of their fellow citizens of New York in their desire for the charters solicited by them, as they only ask these for toleration in religious matters. Shew how beneficial such would be, by quoting extracts from D[r] Chandler to M[r] Vardill, dated 27 September 1774 and 2 January 1775. It would be policy to grant this request as it would tend to allay the jealousies they entertain of the Church of England and lead them to co-operate more zealously in support of Government.

Letter signed. 2⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Col. Skene & M[r] Vardill March 1775.

Intelligence from America.

N. D. [1775, March].—Copy of an intercepted letter or part of a letter. Not signed, dated, nor addressed. "I was told by a Gentleman on whose Veracity I can entirely rely, that he was in company the Night before they went to the Provincial Congress with Mess[rs] Hopkins & Sessions whom the Rhode Islanders sent to the Congress." These men are of opinion that it was impracticable to raise an Army as they lack money and resources and were in every sense totally unable to contend with Great Britain. M[r] Hopkins was informed that M[r] Dalton of Newbury had declared openly at the Congress against hostilities and was much distressed at the despairing appearance of the people at Salem. Humourous scenes enacted by the military actors. Remarks on the adjournment of the Connecticut Assembly. Starvation and ruin seem inevitable in America.

3 *folio pages.*

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Restraining Act.

N. D. [1775, March.]—Draught of a Bill to restrain the Trade and Commerce of certain Provinces in North America therein mentioned to Great Britain, Ireland and the British Islands in the West Indies for a limited time.

36 *pages.*

Lord Barrington to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, April 1. Cavendish Square.—Cannot make the enclosed plainer so sends another copy. Is still of the opinion that the Habeas Corpus Act should be suspended in New England and persons taken up in America for high treason be brought to this country for trial.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L^d^ Barrington 1 April 1775.

Enclosure:—

Question as to whether, in the present situation of Massachusetts Bay the troops may act against persons in Arms, without any direction from a civil magistrate. [*See 24 February*].

½ *quarto page.*

Henry Cruger to Henry Cruger, Junior.

1775, April 4. New York.—The Assembly is adjourned for a month to prevent the troublesome party from endeavouring to consider the proceedings of the Continental Congress. The legislature have passed this session a Bill entitled "An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in the City and County of Albany," and it is hoped the King will give his assent. Cannot descant on political affairs for fear of letters miscarrying.

Extract. Intercepted. 1¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from Henry Cruger Esq^r^ to his Son Henry Cruger Esq^r^.

Robert Ray to J. H. Chabanel, Amsterdam.

1775, April 4 and 29. New York.—Addressed to the care of Chabanel, Uhthoff & Co. London, 29 April, preceded by copy of a previous letter of 4 April. The articles shipped for him on 1 November have arrived in the West Indies. Requests that the others ordered and unshipped may not be sent on any account as the port is shut up and all men are busy preparing for war. The people are united in New York and determined to die or be free. The sword is drawn at Boston between the King's troops and the inhabitants, 500 of the former being killed.

1½ *folio pages. Intercepted.*

Endorsed:—New York, April 29, 1775. Copy of a Letter from Robert Ray, to M^r^ J. H. Chabanel Amsterdam.

Sir Jeffery Amherst to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, April 5. Wednesday, 7 o'clock. Whitehall.—Sends the enclosed list to which may be added six light three-pounders ordered to

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be shipped for Boston. His Lordship will thus see that the artillery is more than the troops can use for the present service there.

Autograph letter. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—S[r] Jeffery Amherst 5 April 1775.

Enclosure:—

List of the Artillery in North America.
In Sir Jeffery Amherst's hand. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Artillery in North America 6 *April* 1775.

LORD BARRINGTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, April 5. Cavendish Square.—This Bill will probably come up to the House of Lords today or tomorrow; it has met with no opposition in the House of Commons. The only part fresh to the Americans is the clause enclosed, and that is contained in an Act of Parliament now in force in Europe. The Admiralty have added a clause respecting the marines.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—L[d] Barrington 5 April 1775. American Mutiny Act.

Enclosure:—

Clause of the American Mutiny Act.
5 folio pages and 2 lines.

Endorsed:—Clause For punishing Persons who shall persuade Soldiers to desert.

SIR GEORGE COLLIER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, April 5. Southampton Street.—Desires to be re-imbursed £737 expended on public service. His circumstances will not permit him to make a present of it to Government. That they could not determine out of what fund it should come is no reason why Lords North and Hillsborough should not meet his demands. A twenty-gun ship is just ordered to take the three generals to America and Captain Chads who commands her has been reimbursed £400 out of the contingencies of the army.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—S[r] G. Collier 5 April 1775 inclos[s] his Case.

Enclosure:—

1775, *April.—Case for Lord Dartmouth's consideration. Details his services in connection with the taking of the Earl of Dunmore and family to New York in the "Tweed" man of war. Expenses incurred by delay. Dangers and difficulties experienced during November and December on the sea, and the return journey with Lady Bernard and family on board. Shows his just claims for £737 thus expended.*
Autograph not signed. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Case for L[d] Dartmouth's consideration.

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JOHN CRUGER, JAMES JAUNCEY, JACOB WALTON, and JAMES DELANCEY to EDMUND BURKE.

1775, April 5. New York.—"Your Letter of the 3d January was received while the House was sitting & immediately laid before them." Duplicates of the petition to the King, Memorial to the Lords and Representation and Remonstrance to the Commons are sent by this packet and it is hoped they will be attended to. Desires he will use his endeavours to get the two following Acts confirmed "An Act to regulate Elections for Representatives in General Assembly for the City & County of Albany," and an Act for the general Quiet of His Majesty's subjects in this Colony against all pretences of Concealment whatsoever." Hopes he will communicate by the first opportunity any measures likely to be pursued in regard to the Colonies.

Copy. Intercepted. 1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—New York, April 5, 1775. Copy of a Letter from John Cruger, Jas Jauncey, Jacob Walton and James De Lancey to Edmund Burke Esqr.

1775, April 6.—Duplicate of the enclosure in Amherst's letter of the 5th. List of Artillery, etc.

The EARL OF GALLOWAY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, April 6. Charles Street, St. James's.—Having had repeated and authentic information of the distressed state of many of the poor emigrants in America, and as many are now anxious to return to their native country but are prevented by poverty he represented their sad condition to Lord Sandwich suggesting that the transports taking troops to Boston could bring these people back. His Lordship agreed to this proposal, provided Lord Dartmouth gave the necessary orders to the Governors of the respective provinces to make arrangements for the journey. Hopes this will meet with his Lordship's approbation.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—E. of Galloway Apr[l] 1775.

A. PEPPERRELL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, April 9.—Draws his attention to the distressed situation of several friends to Government (especially Mr Ingersoll) as shown in the paper transmitted.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A. Pepperell Esqr 9 April 1775, inclosing a Newspaper, giving Account of the Distress of Mr Ingersoll & others for their Attachment to Govt.

Enclosure:—

1775, *February* 23.—*The Massachusetts Gazette and Boston Weekly News Letter, No.* 3726.
1 *printed sheet.*

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, April 10. Dartmouth St., Westminster.—Enumerates obstacles that will occur in laying out the province of East Florida in regular

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tracts to be sold for the crown. The expense will overbalance the value of the land. Doubts whether any advantage will arise therefrom and desires fresh orders on this subject before he sails.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr De Brahm 10 April 1775 concerns sale of Lands in America.

[Arthur] Lee to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, April 10. Monday. No. 2, Gordon Court, Temple.—Wishes to know when he can deliver into his Lordship's hands a petition from the Representatives of New Jersey which he has received in the absence of Doctor Franklin, to be presented to the King.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Mr Lee 10 April 1775.

Richard Jackson to John Pownall.

1775, April 11.—Returns, with his opinion, a Petition and Draught of a Charter of Incorporation desired for a college in some place in America.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rd Jackson Esqr to Mr Pownall Apl 1775.

John Drinker to William Neate.

1775, April 12. Philadelphia.—Great confusion caused by the politics of the British Court, views of the Republican partisans and smugglers of America. Accounts received of Parliament declaring the Americans rebels and determining to enforce the penal Acts against Boston and restrict their commerce. Serious evils seem imminent.

Extract. Intercepted. 1¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Philadelphia, April 12, 1775. Extract of a Letter from John Drinker to William Neate.

George Wilmot to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, April 13. Charing Cross.—Petition. Details his services since 1756 especially on board the sloop "Liberty" in July 1769. His sufferings from several mobs in consequence of his loyalty. Desires some relief for these distresses.

Autograph signed. 2¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Petition of George Wilmot of Boston.

Lord North to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, April [14]. Good Friday. Bushy Park.—"The green ribband is in great request." Will lay Lord Galloway's request before the King with others already received and make known his wishes thereon. Learns from his Lordship's letter of the arrival of two Boston sufferers Richardson and Wilmot. Does not begrudge them the £20 advanced, but the Civil

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List will not be able to bear much longer the numerous American demands made upon it.

Autograph letter signed N. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Lord North April 1775.

EBENEZER RICHARDSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, April 14. London.—Petition. Details his sufferings as an officer in the Customs at Boston. Imprisonment and cruelties experienced in several places for his loyalty, arrival in England in a distressed and destitute condition. Prays for assistance.

Signed. 3 folio pages.

Endorsed:—Petition of Eb^{r} Richardson.

A "TRUE PROTESTANT" to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, April 15. Cork.—A vessel arrived from America brings intelligence of the arrival of three ships from Britain at New York with British manufactures but they were compelled to depart thence, shewing that even that city agreed to the Resolutions decided upon by the General Congress. New York province is preparing for war. Remarks on the expedition sent out by Britain to complete Gage's army. Surprise at the destructive measures taken by Parliament. Draws his attention to the defenceless state of Ireland when the troops ordered for America leave there, as she will then be unprotected against any attacks of France and Spain. Emigration of Protestants from north of Ireland greatly increased of late years so recruits for army not available from there. This part of the Kingdom however is swarmed with Papists who would soon flock to the French and Spanish colours if planted on this shore.

Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Anonymous from Cork, April 1775. *Abuse.*

GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, April 17. London.—States particulars concerning the case of the proprietors of lands under the Indian sales in April 1772. Desires him to solicit His Majesty for permission to carry these grants into execution as he cannot return to his Government and resist the application of the proprietors for confirmation thereof without injury, having previously promised that on the part of Government.

Letter signed. 2¾ folio pages.

Endorsed:—Gov^{r} Tryon, London 17th April 1775, relative to the granting Patents for Lands purchased of the Indians.

GOVERNOR JOHN WENTWORTH to PAUL WENTWORTH, Poland Street, Soho.

1775, April 17. Portsmouth, New England.—The "Nautilus" arrived at Boston on the 14th instant. The Parliamentary proceedings of 20 February are by this time spread through New England; impossible to guess the result. The Armament at Boston has suffered from sickness and desertion. This town will suffer if the Bill to restrain the New England trade and fishery be executed. Will do his utmost to

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promote the acceptance of the terms proposed. Hears "Mr W. L." is the first man who has spoken discouraging insinuations against the vote.

Copy. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Portsmouth, N. E. April 17, 1775. Copy of a Letter from J. Wentworth to Paul Wentworth Esqr Recd May 29, 1775.

Sir Francis Bernard to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, April 18. Aylesbury.—Observations on the desirability of erecting the territory of Sagadahoc into a separate government and placing it immediately under the King, especially as the inhabitants object to the Massachusetts government and that province is now in rebellion. The population of Sagadahoc is not fewer than 20,000 and would increase. Advantages that would accrue to Britain if this measure is adopted. It would be a resort for the persecuted royalists of New England, a place for the exercise of the fishery and for supplying goods now brought from the West Indies. Will gladly give his Lordship further information if needed on this subject.

Autograph letter signed. 7 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Sr Fred. Bernard. April 1775, respecting Sagadahoc.

Concord.

N. D. Paper endorsed:—"Intelligence respecting the Concord Skirmish":—"On the 19th April Genl Gage dispatched 800 men under the command of Col. Smith, to seize some provisions & Artillery at Concord." Were attacked by the Provincial Militia and finally retreated to Lexington where they were joined by 1,000 men under Lord Percy. Details of killed and wounded.

1½ *folio pages.*

Return of Troops.

1775, April 19.—Return of the Army at Boston on this date, the Reinforcements afterwards sent out, and a Return dated 1 April of all the Forces under the Command of General Gage.

2 *folio pages.*

Governor William Tryon to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, April 19. Saville Row.—Transmits the enclosed according to directions.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Govr Tryon (without Date) respecting Lands located in N. York; with Papers.

Enclosures:—

1774, *February* 2. *New York.—Ebenezer Jessup. Representation to Governor William Tryon. Gives an estimate of the expense attending the late Indian purchases and states his reasons for not being able to make them more exact. Assurances*

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Enclosures—cont.

that all the proprietors highly esteem him and regret his leaving the province.

Autograph signed. 3¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Representation of Ebenr Jessup 1774 on Indian Purchases.

1774, *April* 6.—*Ebenezer Jessup.* "*A List of the Names of the Principle Propriators in the Late Indian purchase of Joseph Totten and Stephen Crossfield, And the Lots as on the Map, that they and their Associates are Respectively Interested in.*" *Addressed to Governor Tryon.*

Autograph signed. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Names of the Principle Persons Interested in the Purchase of Totten and Crossfield, and Their Quantities of Land, &c. in each Township By Ebenr Jessup. New York 6 *Apl* 1774.

A List of the Names of some of the principal Proprietors in the late Indian Purchase, as furnished with the assistance of Colonel Reid. [*Drawn up by Governor Tryon—the names the same as in the foregoing.*]

1¾ *folio pages.*

GOVERNOR JOSIAH MARTIN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, April 20. Newbern, North Carolina.—No. 31. Remarks on the proceedings of the Assembly and also of the body of men calling themselves a Convention of Delegates as given in the enclosures. Is confident that firmness and perseverance on Britain's part will extinguish the democratic zeal in these colonies. The inhabitants of the Western Counties have given assurances of their loyalty to the King, having remembered correction they received for past insurrections from Governor Tryon.

Letter signed. 12 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Newburn, Nº Carolina, 20th April 1775. Governor Martin (Nº 31). R/ 21st June. 2 Inclosures. Encl.

Enclosures:—

1775, *April* 14.—*North Carolina Gazette No.* 319. 1 *printed sheet.*

1775, *April* 3–7.—*Minutes of a General Meeting of Delegates of North Carolina in Convention, Relative to the association entered into by the General Congress at Philadelphia on* 20 *October* 1774 *which these delegates approve of and sign. Send their thanks to North Carolina representatives and receive a reply thereto. Resolution to collect Proclamation money to meet expenses incurred by delegates to the Continental Congress. Denounce the conduct of Macknight. Promise to further the measures recommended by the said Congress.*

Printed. 4 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—In Govr Martin's (*No.* 31) *of* 20 *April* 1775.

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LORD DARTMOUTH to GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON.

1775, April [21]. Whitehall.—In consequence of the conversation with Governor Tryon the previous day respecting grants to Messrs. Totten, Crossfield, Van Renslaer, Low, Jessup and others, of lands purchased by them of the Indians in 1772, and being fully sensible of how important it is that His Majesty's faithful subjects in New York should be gratified in every reasonable request, he will submit to His Majesty that whenever the persons interested make application for such grants accompanied with a disavowal of all association to obstruct the importation or exportation of goods to and from Great Britain it may be advisable to comply with their request.

Copy. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Governor Tryon, dated April 1775.

CAPTAIN [WALTER SLOANE] LAURIE to his FATHER.

1775, April 21. Boston.—Substance of a Letter from Captain Laurie of the 43rd Regiment [to his father—*see* beginning of his letter dated 22 May]. Details of actions at Concord and Lexington. Losses on both sides. Intrepidity of English troops. Boston surrounded by Provincials, all communication cut off and he fears the troops will suffer in consequence from want of fresh provisions.

Copy. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy Letter fr. Cap. Laurie 21 April 1775. Boston. on the Concord Skirmish.

GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, April 22. London.—Is delighted that his Lordship sees the importance at the present time of granting New York subjects all reasonable requests. Desires that he may be authorised to assure them that their difficulties will soon be settled satisfactorily.

Letter signed. 1½ *folio pages.*

MASSACHUSETTS COMMITTEE OF SAFETY to ASA LAWRENCE.

1775, April 24. Cambridge.—Notice, signed Joseph Warren, chairman. That a captain's commission will be granted to him as soon as he has finished enlisting 96 soldiers according to orders—he is allowed to nominate a Lieutenant and Ensign to serve under him.

Printed form filled in. ½ *quarto page.*

ALEXANDER DUNCAN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, April 28. Birchanger, Essex.—Regrets contents of enclosure as it clearly shows that America is preparing for war. Hopes his Lordship may be instrumental in advising measures to prevent such a calamity.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Duncan 28 April, inclosing a Letter rec^d^ from America, giving some Account of the State of Affairs.

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Enclosure :—

JOSEPH SMITH to ALEXANDER DUNCAN.

1775, *February* 15. *New Haven, Connecticut.—Apologises for non-delivery of letter written last year. Acknowledges his of the summer of* 1773. *Unhealthy state of New Haven. Alarming condition of affairs. Both sides preparing for war. Fears if the late Acts of Parliament are attempted to be put in execution by force, such event is inevitable. Stagnation of trade, and probable closing of the Courts of Justice as already done in Massachusetts and South Carolina.*
Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON to LORD NORTH.

1775, April 28. London.—Applying for Assistance from the Treasury to answer exigencies before his departure to America.
Copy. 1 *quarto page.*

LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAMES PREVOST to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, April 30. Breda.—Begs the favour to deliver the enclosed letter to the King. Is well acquainted with the country and people of America from his long service there and would gladly fill any employment in the military or civil line. Asks for Lord North's patronage.
Letter signed. 3¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Breda. 30th April 1775. Lieut Gen[l] Prevost. R/ May. Applying for a civil Employment in America.

Enclosure :—

LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAMES PREVOST to the KING.

1775, *April* 30. *Breda.—Is anxious to "serve in any wise, in any rank & in any part of America" that may be thought proper. Will endeavour to show by faithful service his appreciation of many favours shown to him by His Majesty.*
Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed :—To The King. Breda 30th *April* 1775. *Lieut General Prevost.*

Accompanying the above is :—

1775, April 30. Breda.—Copy of Lieutenant General Prevost's letter to Lord Barrington desiring to be recommended to the King for further service "notwithstanding his peculiar circumstances," and enclosing copy of his letter to the King.

DENNIS DE BERDT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D. [1775, April]. Wednesday evening, 9 o'clock.—Forwards the enclosed as they are the latest intelligence from America and may be acceptable for their importance though he is aware their contents are not pleasant.
Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed :—M[r] De Berdt 1775. respecting the Proceedings of the Committees at N. York in March 1775.

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Enclosures :—

1775, *March* 18. *Extract of a letter from New York giving the Proceedings of the New York Committee in nominating deputies for a Provincial Convention to be held on 20 April to choose delegates for the General Congress at Philadelphia 10 May next. A postscript of 22 March relates the proceedings of the people against Robert and John Murray who had, contrary to the Non-Importation Association, unloaded goods from a ship arrived from London.*
2¼ folio pages.

1775, *March* 17. *New York.—Printed Paper signed "A son of Freedom" and headed "The following Letter was some Nights ago thrown in among the Sons of Liberty." Stating reasons why Robert and John Murray should leave the Province owing to their landing goods in a clandestine manner at New York.*
1 long folio page.

1775, *March* 21. *New York.—Robert and John Murray. Public Declaration. Regret the imprudent and unjustifiable action they have taken and promise if they remain in that city not to transact any trade or commerce whatsoever during the continuance of the Association which will be a breach of the same unless Congress should think fit to indulge them in that liberty. They are willing to deliver to other persons all consigned goods now in their possession and yield the profits of the commissions.*
Printed. 1 quarto page.

QUAKERS to the KING.

N. D. [Qy. about April or May 1775].—Address and Petition. Asking that the sword may be stayed and other means tried to procure a firm and lasting union with the Americans. Amongst the signatures are John Fry, William Storrs Fry, Robert Howard, John Fothergill, Thomas and Robert Letchworth, etc., etc., 61 names in all.
Original. 1 sheet.

Endorsed :—Quakers Petition.

The EARL OF DUNMORE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, May 1. Williamsburg.—No. 26. Gives details of the insurrection of the people in consequence of his requesting Lieutenant Collins to remove some gunpowder from a magazine here to the "Fowey" man-of-war. Further disturbances expected. Has applied to General Gage for assistance, also to Admiral Graves for one of his large ships. Personal danger of himself and other Government officers. The necessity of maintaining the King's authority in this province by the presence and assistance of troops.
Letter signed. 7¾ large folio pages.

Endorsed :—Williamsburgh 1st May 1775. Lord Dunmore. (No 26) R/ June 24 1775. Entd.

Extract of the foregoing.

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RICHARD YATES to JOHN SARGENT.

1775, May 1. New York.—"The News of the Action arrived in Town on Sunday Morning the 23d ult. and You may judge caused no little Tumult among the Inhabitants." Proceedings in the town in consequence. Arms of the city seized. The recent Acts for stopping the fishery have exasperated the Americans; the port is entirely blocked up by the people, who are in possession of the keys of the Custom House and no provisions will at any rate be allowed to go to Newfoundland either hence or from Philadelphia. Continental Congress meets on the 10th instant, and if the report is true that Parliament has blocked most of the ports, Congress will block up all and be much more united in their opposition than hitherto.

Extract. Intercepted. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—New York, May 1, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Richard Yates to John Sargent Esqr.

NICHOLAS HOFFMAN to MESSRS. PERRY and HAYES, Bristol.

1775, May 2. New York.—"Mr Sherbrooke I dare say will give you a full Account of the confused State of this Continent All our Ports will be stopp'd either by Great Brittain or the People here, if the present unhappy Disturbances are not soon made up, for you may assure yourself that the Colonies mean to be more united than ever since the unhappy Affair last at Boston in which many Lives were lost." Associations are being handed round from house to house and signed in this and neighbouring provinces against oppressive Acts of Parliament. If England does not soon stop them Great Britain and America will both be ruined.

Extract. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—New York, May 2, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Nicholas Hoffman, to Messrs Perry & Hayes, Bristol.

JOHN SHAW, JUNR., to JOSEPH WHARTON, JUNR.

1775, May 2. Philadelphia.—The peaceful city of Philadelphia now looks like war. The different companies are practising twice a day and a determined spirit exhibited.

Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Philadelphia May 2, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Jno Shaw Junr to Mr Joseph Wharton Junr.

THEOPHYLACT BACHE to MESSRS. LANE, SON, and FRASER.

1775, May 3. New York.—All supplies going from America for the fishery and commerce to Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, etc. were stopped 27th of last month. Personal losses to himself in being debarred from executing the large orders received from his friends.

Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—New York May 3, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Theophylact Bache to Messrs Lane, Son & Fraser.

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Henry Cruger, Junior, to Henry Cruger.

1775, May 3. Westminster.—"Now Sir for a few Politics. Let me first observe that Colonel Skene to whom I gave such *exalted* Letters to You is by no Means the very great and *consequential* Man he *will* endeavour to make all believe." Gives what he considers a true estimate of Skene's character and the reasons for his intercourse with him. Prejudicial remarks concerning Governor Tryon returning to his government. Account of a conversation held between Tryon and a gentleman whom he informed he intended to patronise the Cruger family in New York. Despises his motives but intends to gain by his good offices.

Extract. Intercepted. 4¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Westminster, May 3, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Henry Cruger to Henry Cruger Esq^{r} at New York.

Henry Cruger to Messrs. Cruger and Mallard.

1775, May 3. New York.—Enclosed newspapers not to be depended upon but Stephen Payne Galloway (who goes with his lady in this packet) will be able to give full accounts of all that has taken place. On the 28th ultimo all ships laden with provisions were stopped at this harbour, but as Philadelphia objected to such restrictions on trade the ports are again opened until the decision of Congress on 10 May. American troubles hourly increase. Fears for the safety of their vessels.

Extract. Intercepted. 1¼ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—N. York, May 3, 1775. Extract of a Letter from H. Cruger to Mess^{rs} Cruger and Mallard. Bristol.

Henry Cruger to Peter V. Schaack, New York.

1775, May 3. London.—"It will be no difficulty for Vardell and I unitedly to get for you the reversion in the *Admiralty*." Disposition of the opposition party in the House of Commons with regard to American affairs. Remarks on the selfish, crafty actions of M^{r} Burke and his reserved conduct towards the province for which he is agent.

Extract. Intercepted. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—London 3 May 1775. Extract of a Letter from H. Cruger to Peter Schaach.

Governor Thomas Hutchinson to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, May 3. St. James's Street.—Hopes that the distress he feels from the present state of his family will excuse his repeated applications for assistance. [An autograph copy is amongst the Hutchinson letters in the British Museum, Eg. 2661, fo. 148, and is printed in his *Correspondence*, Vol. I., p. 437.]

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^{r} Hutchinson 3 May, 1775, relative to his own circumstances & some Provision for his Son.

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AB. P. LOTT to ALEXANDER BAXTER.

1775, May 3. New York.—If affairs are not soon settled most of the merchants will become bankrupts. New England much in debt.
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Endorsed:—New York May 3, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Ab. P. Lott to Alexanr Baxter Esqr.

PHILIP LOTT to GEORGE ELPHINSTONE, Copenhagen.

1775, May 3. New York.—No sale for this tea at present. If times change expects to consign a vessel to his house. Politics in great confusion here.
Copy. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—New York, May 3, 1775. Copy of a Letter from Philip Lott to Mr Geo. Elphinston.

ISAAC LOW to JOHN BLACKBURN, Merchant, London.

1775, May 3. New York.—The whole continent in the utmost confusion. Implores him to exert himself to procure a cessation of hostilities (if not redress of grievances) so that some treaty of accommodation may be set on foot to prevent the entire ruin of America.
Extract. Intercepted. ¾ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—New York, May 3, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Isaac Low to Mr John Blackburn.

LORD NORTH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, May 3. Downing Street.—Encloses Budget of today.
Not Autograph. In the third person. ½ *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

Budget of that day's date.—Supply for the year 1775.
1½ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Supply & Ways & Means. 1775.

S. PINTARD to GEORGE SPENCER.

1775, May 3. New York.—"We have been in the greatest distress and Affliction here on the melancholy News from Boston of an Action between the Kings Troops and the Inhabitants." The colonies are now more united than ever—an association being circulated all over the country opposing the execution of the arbitrary and oppressive Acts of Parliament which they will never submit to. General Gage will find a large force to oppose him and though he may destroy towns, he cannot enforce obedience to Parliament. Americans want a Constitution upon the principles of liberty and are determined to have it. As fishery is prohibited, Philadelphia has stopped provisions to Newfoundland—several vessels being obliged to unload.
Extract. Intercepted. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—New York May 3, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Mr Pintard to Mr George Spencer.

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SMITH RAMADGE to MESSRS. JOHNSTON AND CANNING.

1775, May 3. New York.—Since the recent action the people of New York have decided to stand or fall with the other provinces. Business at a stand still, port shut up by the mob several days but now re-opened; expects however that all the ports will be closed soon after the General Congress meets.

Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—New York May 3, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Smith Ramadge to Messrs Johnston & Canning.

[GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON] to LORD NORTH.

1775, May 3. London.—Desires he may be enabled to discharge the debts contracted in the preparations made for his Government. Purposes to be at Portsmouth tomorrow but waits his Lordship's pleasure so as to satisfy these demands though he will then be on demurrage £5 a day.

Copy. 1½ *quarto pages.*

ANTHONY VAN DAM to WILLIAM NEATH.

1775, May 3. New York.—"Our disorder is too great to write upon Mercantile Affairs, therefore shall not reply to your late favours." Resentment against the late Acts of Parliament. Total repeal of all those passed since 1763 must take place or the affections of America be lost. Reconciliation must be made speedily or dreadful consequences will ensue. All supply withheld from Newfoundland and the fisheries, and no provisions allowed to be carried to Boston. Entreats him to do his utmost to save America and Great Britain from ruin.

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Endorsed:—New York May 3. 1775. Copy of a Letter from Anth. Van Dam to William Neate Esq.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CADWALLADER COLDEN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, May 4. New York.—[Introducing Mr Wilkins, a member of the Assembly of this province, as a gentleman of excellent character, good understanding, and zealous attachment to Government. For the latter reason he has met with much persecution and leaves for England today. He can give much intelligence of the state of affairs here as he is well acquainted with the political schemes of different parties.

Letter signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Lt Govr Colden—1775. rec. Mr Wilkins.

JOHN CRUGER to EDMUND BURKE.

1775, May 4. New York.—"The melancholy Situation that this City and Colony is in is beyond expression since the receival of the Account from Boston of the Engagement between the King's Troops and the Provincials."—The cause of liberty has become general throughout

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America. The Governor and Council have fully represented the matter to His Majesty and doubtless it will soon be made public in England.

Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—New York May 4, 1775. Extract of a Letter from John Cruger to Edm[d] Burke Esq[r].

JAMES RICHARDSON to ALEXANDER GORDON, Student of Physick, at Doctor George Skene's, Aberdeen.

1775, May 4. New York.—"The Number of Provincials killed is not so many as the Troops, which seems very probable from the circumstance of firing from cover." Dispute as to which side made the first attack in the late skirmish. All letters coming from that quarter by post are opened by the New Englanders, so true account of the action is difficult to obtain. Friends of Government in this city in danger and business suspended; port now re-opened and the whole city entered into an association to abide the measures recommended by the next Congress. All unanimous for the American cause.

Extract. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—New York. 4 May 1775. Extract of a Letter from Ja[s] Richardson to M[r] Alex[r] Gordon.

A. PEPPERRELL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, May 5.—His reasons for seeking the appointment of naval officer of New Hampshire. Desires his Lordship to consider his situation and grant his request. Sails for America in about 10 days and will gladly be the bearer of any commands.

Autograph letter signed. 3 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—A. Pepperell Esq[r].

COLONEL JOSEPH GORHAM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, May 8. No. 6 Buckingham Gate.—As it is decided he should enter the American service, he has endeavoured to settle his private affairs with his creditors. Present and future pecuniary difficulties. Remarks on his wife and children. Desires some appointment may be given to the former as housekeeper to one of the palaces.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Col. Gorham 8 May 1775.

G. GREEN to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, May 8.—Desires to be remembered for any vacancy that may occur in any province. Notwithstanding his preference for New Hampshire on account of numerous friends there, he is willing to forego that if appointment offers elsewhere. Will gladly work with another if so proposed by his Lordship.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Green 8 May 1775 desiring an office.

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Captain Laurie to his Father.

1775, May 8. Boston.—Letter not signed nor addressed, probably from Captain Laurie of the 43rd to his father (*see* 22 May). Sends printed paper containing an account of the action on the 19th. English loss not so considerable as at first imagined. Lieutenant Hull of his company has since died of his wounds. Enemy's loss four times greater than theirs. Denies from personal observation that the troops *first* fired upon the people. Complains of cruelty shown by the enemy. All communication with the country is now cut off, and a large force gathered here from this and neighbouring provinces ready for action. The General's conduct has been to avoid extremities and use conciliatory measures. Proceedings of troops and engineers since 19th ultimo. Many persons have left the town with the General's permission. All communication with the country being cut off, fresh provisions are unavailable. Gives list of rebel Generals. Want of money and provisions will surely make them disperse soon. Help expected from Halifax for the English.

2½ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed :—8th May 1775. News from Boston. *Anon.*

Governor William Tryon to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, May 8. 8 o'clock p.m. On board the "Johana."—Expects to leave to-morrow. Thanks for past favours and hopes to merit future protection.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Portsmouth 8 May 1775. Govr Tryon.

Edmund Burke to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, May 9. Tuesday evening. Westminster.—Fears he will be unable to find a Peer to deliver the New York Memorial to the House of Lords to-morrow as most of his friends therein are out of town,—will do his best, though otherwise engaged, but cannot promise success.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed :—Ed. Burke Esqr. 9 May 1775. Ex.

Articles of Confederation of the United Colonies.

1775, May 10.—Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union, entered into by the Delegates of the several Colonies of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, &c. in General Congress met at Philadelphia May 10th 1775.

Copy. 4 *folio pages.*

Endorsed :—America.

John and Peter Chevalier to Ingham Foster.

1775, May 13. Philadelphia.—Having enclosed in their last a paper relating some circumstances of a skirmish or running fight between the Regulars under General Gage and the Boston Provincials, now send this day's newspaper containing depositions showing that the Regulars were the aggressors. Inhabitants of Boston have suffered much the

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last twelve months from officers and soldiers. Unanimity prevails from the colonies of New England to South Carolina and people of all ranks are associating for the purposes of military action. Congress now sitting here but their deliberations will be kept secret for some time; measures recommended by them will doubtless be universally adopted. Shows how General Gage commenced hostilities in the late action.

Copy. Intercepted. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Philadelphia May 13, 75. Copy of a Letter from Jn° & Peter Chevalier to M^r Ingham Foster.

THOMAS WHARTON to SAMUEL WHARTON.

1775, May 13. Philadelphia.—Congress has met for three days but wait for delegates from Rhode Island before making propositions. On the 15th they go into Committee to consider ways and means to find men and money. Gives his opinion on this subject. Patrick Henry delayed in Virginia it is feared by fresh difficulties with Lord Dunmore. John Watts of the New York Council really gone to England to present to the King the true state of that Province as drawn up by the Governor and Council, showing the impossibility of subduing this continent as the people of New York as well as the other colonies are determined to oppose the measures of Parliament. Just heard that the Massachusetts people have set out to take possession of Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Consequences that have resulted by the mail from Boston being broken open.

Extract. Intercepted. 3⅔ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Philadelphia, May 13, 1775. Copy of a Letter from Thomas Wharton, to Samuel Wharton Esq^r.

WITTING [Willing] MORRIS & Co. to THOMAS STONE Cornfactor, London.

1775, May 14. Philadelphia.—(The same paragraph to John Motteux Esq^r) "You may depend that all Exports from these Colonies will *certainly* cease on or before the 10^th Sept^r." It is almost certain this may happen on 20 July and probably much sooner; it will depend on Gage's operations. Congress keep their Councils so secret that definite information cannot be obtained.

Extract. Intercepted. ⅔ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Philadelphia May 14, 75. Extract of a Letter from Witting Morris & Co. to M^r Tho^s Stone.

CHIEF JUSTICE FREDERICK SMYTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, May 15. New Jersey.—Commends the bearer, Captain Michael Kearney for his zealous services in the Royal Navy; his loyalty shown in recent riots has excited such a spirit of resentment and defiance against him that he has been compelled to leave the country. "In truth we are in a bad way." Will endeavour to fulfil his judicial duties with as much punctuality and resolution as possible, and hitherto the authority of the Courts of Justice there has been pretty well supported, but owing to the unhappy and dangerous spirit among the people,

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cannot promise that the authority of Government or laws will long prevail.

Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Ch. Just. of N. Jersey, 16 May 1775, recommending Capt. Kearney.

ALEXANDER INNES to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, May 16. Charles Town.—Proceedings of the [Assembly's] committee before and after the action of 19 April. Fears if Gage does not strike some successful blow within a few weeks there will be a total change of Government here. Disturbances caused by the contents of a letter from Mr. Lee in London proposing freedom to the slaves who desert and join the King's troops. Present condition of the Council. States what he thinks the new Governor should do on his arrival here. Advisability of stationing two regiments in Charles Town and frigates under an able officer in the harbour as people are very despondent. No official record of the Boston action has been received, but many erroneous statements are made thereon by the enemy and circulated.

Autograph letter signed. 7¾ quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Mr Innis Charles Town, 16 May 1775. American Affairs.

JOHN INMAN to RICHARD BENSON WALKER, Hodsdon.

1775, May 17. Boston.—"Dear Brother, I have delivered in Mrs Calahan's Care a Packet containing Copies of most of my Accounts, also a List of Debts due to and from me." There are threats of bombarding the town, so sends these papers for safety. About 3,500 people have moved into the country with their furniture, but Gage has prudently kept all the merchandise in town to restrain the madness of the country. Captain Hall with a reinforcement of marines has just arrived.

Extract. Intercepted. 1 folio page.

Endorsed:—Boston, May 17, 1775. Extract of a Letter from John Inman, to Mr Richd Benson Walker.

GOVERNOR JOSIAH MARTIN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, May 18. New Bern, North Carolina.—*Separate.* Remarks on the recent resolution of the House of Commons. The effect of the Propositions contained therein on the Americans will depend upon the light in which the Congress now sitting in Philadelphia considers them. Disposition of the people in different parts of his province. The pernicious influence of press and faction is more weighty than the measures of Parliament. Gives his reasons for not calling the Assembly at the present juncture.

Autograph letter signed. 7¾ folio pages.

Endorsed:—Separate, New Bern. 18 May, 1775. Govr Martin (Seperate.) R/ 23d Sept. 1775. Entd.

THOMAS WHARTON to SAMUEL WHARTON.

1775, May 20. Philadelphia.—Refers to some enclosed papers for news which shows that the hint he gave respecting Ticonderoga is verified. Congress has resolved to recommend the removal of all cannon and

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stores down to Fort Gage and there properly to fortify the pass. All trade with Newfoundland has been stopped. Doctor Franklin's proceedings in the Congress. Unanimity and firmness among the people on this continent.

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Endorsed:—Philadelphia, May 20, 1775. Copy of a Letter from Thomas Wharton to Samuel Wharton Esq^{r}.

CAPTAIN LAURIE.

1775, May 22. Boston.—Letter not signed nor addressed, probably from Captain Laurie. "My Letters to my father of 21st April & 8th inst. I hope you will receive safe, and to them I refer you for the News of this country to that date." Shows the awkward and ridiculous situation they have been in since he last wrote by being blocked up in Boston, and not allowed to return the insults of the rebels. Supposes Gage has good reasons for being inactive, but personally he considers this forbearance and studied moderation will never answer the purpose desired. Encloses copy of a letter from Doctor Warren respecting release of Major Dunbar. Failure of expedition to one of the islands in consequence of the naval commander's neglectful conduct. Received intelligence that the people of Connecticut and Albany have taken fort Ticonderoga, also of seizure of the Earl of Dunmore in Virginia Damage caused by fire in this town.

2 large folio pages.

Endorsed:—22^{d} May—1775. News from Boston *Anon.*

Frederick, BISHOP OF DERRY, to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, May 23. Derry.—Ascribes the rebellious spirit in the central provinces of America to the exportation from Ireland of nearly 33,000 fanatical and hungry republicans in the course of a few years. Land uncultivated; regrets that his own brethren have not laid the foundation of an exclusive cultivation of the island. Remarks on the progress of independency and a manifest increase among the inhabitants of a republican spirit. Believes it results greatly from the non-residence of the clergy who leave extensive and populous parishes to the care of an indigent curate, an ignorant priest and a factious dissenting minister.

Autograph letter signed. 4 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Bishop of Derry 23 May 1775, respecting the Migrations from Ireland, and the Growth of Republicanism & Dissension from the Non-residence of the Clergy.

JOSEPH GOLDTHWAIT to JOHN BLACKBURN.

1775, May 24. Boston.—Directions for sending to America a quantity of coal and provisions much needed. The whole of the country is arming and in a state of rebellion. Requests everything sent out to be addressed to himself Barrack Master at Boston and that will ensure a free admittance.

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Endorsed:—Boston, 24 May 1775. Copy of a Letter from Jo^{s} Goldthwait to John Blackburn Esq^{r}. Rec^{d} 26th June 1775.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL W. DALRYMPLE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, May 29. Monday evening.—"Since I had the honor of seeing your Lordship this morning, I have made some inquiry into the affair that has lately passed near Boston." It appears from accounts given that the troops fulfilled their intention of destroying the stores collected at Concord, and the measures pursued by them appeared to be those of deliberation and sound military judgment. Hopes General Gage's despatch will confirm details given by troops themselves.

Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Lieut[t] Col. Dalrymple 29 May 1775 on the Skirmish at Concord.

GOVERNOR THOMAS HUTCHINSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, May 29. 9 o'clock p.m.—Has no doubt the printed account from Boston is a very partial one. Expects Government will receive very different advices from General Gage. Seeks so justify the troops for their conduct in the action. The paper sent is published under the directions of Adams and the master of the ship belongs to one of the most incendiary families. P.S.—Captain Brown with the General's despatches sailed four days after the action.

Autograph letter signed. With seal (broken). 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov[r] Hutchinson 29 May 1775, on the Skirmish at Concord.

JOHN POWNALL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, May 29. Monday ½ past 4 p.m.—"I am this moment returned from the City but without seeing Captain Derby tho I pursued every means and had every assistance to find him out." Gives account of the Concord skirmish as received from Messrs. Lane and Fraser who are in connection with Captain Derby. Letters for Lord Dartmouth from General Gage are on board the "Sukey." Encloses paper reprinted from Salem newspaper and hopes his Lordship will speedily send it to the King.

Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—M[r] Pownall, 29 May, 1775, inclosing Salem Newspaper, relating the Skirmish of Concord.

Enclosure:—

1775, *May* 29.—*The London Evening Post Extraordinary* (*No.* 8,296) *consisting of an Article headed "From the Essex Gazette. Printed at Salem, in New England. Salem, April* 25," *being an account of the action at Concord. "Last Wednesday the* 19*th of April, the Troops of his Britannick Majesty commenced Hostilities upon the People of this Province, attended with Circumstances of Cruelty not less brutal than what our venerable Ancestors received from the vilest Savages of the Wilderness," etc. A list of the provincials killed, wounded, and missing is added.*

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COUNTESS GOWER to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, May 30. Whitehall.—Commends to his kind consideration Captain Foy, and desires it may be made worth his while to remain in America as his services are most requisite to Lord Dunmore at the present time.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Countess Gower 30 May 1775, recomᵈ Captⁿ Foy.

JONATHAN SEWALL to MAJOR GENERAL FREDERICK HALDIMAND.

1775, May 30. Boston.—In compliance with his request, reduces to writing the substance of some loose hints respecting the present very alarming state of public affairs in America, the cause of the disorders, and the remedies which alone seem to promise a radical cure. The hidden spring of this wonderful movement is the ancient republican spirit brought by the first emigrants and which the form of government in the New England colonies has cherished and kept alive. Considers the present calamities might have been prevented by a seasonable application to the cure, and may even now be stopped by a speedy exertion of British vigour and an attention of Parliamentary wisdom to the radical cause.

Autograph letter signed. 16 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed on wrapper:—Genˡ Haldimand Ex.

Copy of the foregoing.

LORD BARRINGTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, June 1. War Office.—"There are three officers named *King* in the Army, but none of them in Regiments serving in America."

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Lᵈ Vis. Barrington 1 June 1775 concerning the Names of King & Hawkshaw in the Army Lists.

COLONEL JAMES ROBERTSON to [ ].

1775, June 1. Boston.—Discovery of coal at Cape Breton—advisability of conveying it to Boston in consequence of the rebels cutting off all supplies of fuel from that place. Mr. Knulton Junior delivers this with proposals for his approval. Fears the garrison will be distressed for coal soon, though he has secured some in England.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Colᵒ Robertson Letter 1ˢᵗ June 1775.

THOMAS WHARTON to SAMUEL WHARTON.

1775, June 1. Philadelphia.—One of the Council of Antigua has informed him of the distress of the islands on the prospect of exportation being stopped to their ports. Congress has decided to petition the King for redress of grievances. It has already voted 10,000 men

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for the protection of Boston and directed New York to raise 3,000 for its particular safety. Surprise at the Doctor's silence at the Congress. Lord Dunmore having called his assembly has necessitated the absence of the president, the Virginia speaker. The people of Virginia much exasperated with Dunmore's conduct of late.

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Endorsed:—Philadelphia, June 1, 1775. Copy of a Letter from Mr Thomas Wharton to Samuel Wharton Esqr.

The Reverend Thomas Hatton to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, June 3. Waters Upton, Shropshire.—Enclosing a letter from his nephew in New Jersey, relative to the temper, &c. of the Americans.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

John Hatton to the Reverend Thomas Hatton.

1775, *February* 17. *New Jersey.—Private news. This country in a most disordered state, friends of Government very precariously situated and commerce stopped. States objections made by the Sons of Liberty to the measures of Parliament and the answers given by the Sons of Loyalty (of whom he is one) to show the true foundation of the present dispute. Details the recent obnoxious conduct of the Bostonians. Steps taken by the Quakers. The Sons of Faction grieved at the refusal of the New York Assembly to approve the proceedings of the Congress, and the merchants of that place in general threaten a total declension from the party.*

Autograph letter signed. 7¾ *folio pages.*

Alexander Innes to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, June 3, Saturday. Charles Town.—The Assembly met on the 1st instant and passed their Tax Bill, ordering certificates to be issued for about £140,000 currency. The Lieutenant Governor adjourned them to the 19th. He (Lieutenant Governor Bull) has received a letter from General Gage with an account of the action on the 19th April. The Provincial Congress is meeting in secret, but it is well known they intend to frame an association, raise troops, and take the Government into their own hands. The Governor expected every hour and it is hoped his presence will aid the King's servants. Two frigates in this harbour would prevent much mischief. The "Tamar" lies some miles below the town and Capt. Thornborough, an old, good officer, has been confined to bed two months. As the Lieut. Gov. is constantly at his country house waiting with anxious impatience for the arrival of Lord William Campbell no requisition could be made to the Captain for any protection from insult. Refers him for further particulars to Captain Barbet Commissary of Stores in West Florida now on his way to England.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Innis Recd July 31, 1775.

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JOHN PEMBERTON to JONATHAN WILKINSON, at Cockermouth.

1775, June 3. Philadelphia.—"It is a sorrowful time amongst us, little but Confusion and Disorder." Trials are daily increasing. Regrets that some of their youth have joined the populace and are training for war, but hopes by faithful endeavours they may be brought to see the inconsistency of their conduct.

Extract. Intercepted. ¾ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Philadelphia 6th mo. 3d 1775. Extract of a Letter from Jnº Pemberton to Jonª Wilkinson.

JOHN PITCAIRN to LORD ADAM GORDON.

1775, June 3. Boston.—Will gladly do all in his power to serve Mr. Finnie, both for his own merit and Lord Adam's recommendation. For the present he has been appointed to one of their Grenadier Companies where he will have many opportunities to distinguish himself as they encamp in a few days.

Copy. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Boston June 3, 1775. Copy of a Letter from John Pitcairn to Lord Adam Gordon.

THOMAS FISHER to GEORGE LOGAN, at John and Robert Barclay's, London.

1775, June 5. Philadelphia.—The Congress is sitting and has prohibited the exportation of provisions to the fishing islands and coasts, and also to the British army and fleet. Troops have been provided for New England and New York. Gives names of officers appointed. The city bears a warlike appearance. Has been informed that about twenty of General Burgoyne's horse, put out to graze, have been taken by the provincials. Efforts will be made to disappoint the designs of the King's troops. Hopes a change in the Ministry or some other event may produce an alteration in the system of Colony Administration to the mutual benefit of both countries.

Extract. Intercepted. 1¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Philadª 6 mo. 5, 1775. Extract.

DOCTOR BENJAMIN FRANKLIN to THOMAS LIFE.

1775, June 5. Philadelphia.—Has received his favour of April 5 giving an account of the progress of his suit. Affairs are now so situated that he does not think he will ever return to England. General Gage having commenced hostilities with America and civil war now begun, which he has no chance of living to see the end of, being seventy years of age, it does not seem worth while to proceed in the appeal to the House of Lords. Desires him therefore to withdraw the petition and will settle his account.

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Endorsed:—Philadelphia, June 5, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Dr Benjamin Franklin to Thomas Life Esqr.

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JOHN PENN to WILLIAM BAKER.

1775, June 5. Philadelphia.—"The Post brought me yesterday your Letter of the 5th of April, inclosing Mr Burke's & Mr Hartley's Resolutions, the Merchants Petition to The King, and the Bill restraining the Trade of the Five Middle Colonies, filled up, and a Clause added." Is persuaded that the part of the Bill respecting the three lower counties will not have the desired effect as they will be governed by the decisions of the Congress. Lord North's conciliatory resolution has been ill-received here. Since the late action all the provinces have applied themselves to military exercise. Gage is besieged in Boston by 9,000 men and his destruction would have been attempted were it not for the distress it would have brought upon the town. Remarks on armies preparing in Philadelphia, New England and New York. His own position very unpleasant.

Copy. Intercepted. 5 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Philadelphia, June 5, 1775. Copy of a Letter from Governor Penn, to William Baker Esqr.

SIR W. PEPPERRELL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, June 6. Summer Street.

Autograph letter signed. 10 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Sr W. Pepperell 6th June, 1775, respecting his own Situation & the Situation of Affairs in America.

DISPOSITION of the COLONIES.

Copy of a letter unsigned and unaddressed dated Philadelphia 6 June 1775.—"The Unanimity of the confederate Colonies is every day increasing in Strength." Lord North's proposal will be referred by all the Assemblies to the Congress and no Colony will treat separately. It is intended to send one more petition from the Congress to give Britain another chance of recovering and retaining the affection and commerce of the Colonies. Fears there is not wisdom enough among them to seize this golden opportunity, but that violent methods will still be pursued towards America. Sees in the future her foreign trade stopped but her domestic flourishing and a few strongly fortified posts on the coast garrisoned by the British troops and supported by fleets, as Spain holds Ceuta and Oran, with the country all round their enemies.

Accompanied by a paper headed "A Counter Prophecy," beginning—"If the Spirit of Prophecy, as well as all the Wisdom and Virtue, be "not departed to America, and confined there by the Non-exportation "Decree it may be lawful even for an Englishman to deal in futurities." Britain will no longer brook the indignities of America but exert herself to humble the arrogance shown by her. States reasons for present measures and the ultimate consequences that will ensue to America from her rebellion. The contest is so unequal that if America has any wisdom or virtue she will endeavour to cement that union to which she owes her present freedom.

4¾ *and* 3 *folio pages respectively.*

Endorsed.—Copy of a Letter from Philadelphia dated 6 June 1775. An Account of American Affairs &c. by an *American.*

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EDMUND BURKE to the COMMITTEE of CORRESPONDENCE for the General Assembly at NEW YORK.

1775, June 7. Westminster.—On the introduction of their remonstrance to the House of Commons a dispute on the propriety of such a paper being presented took place and it was refused admittance. The Duke of Manchester presented it to the Lords where, after a long debate, it was also rejected. Has received no answer to the Petition to the King.

Extract. Intercepted. 3¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Westminster 7 June 1775. Extract of a Letter from Edm. Burke Esq^r^ to the Committee of New York.

GOVERNOR GUY CARLETON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, June 7. Postscript 8 June. Montreal.—No. 12. Intelligence received from General Gage; assistance desired by him. Arrival of Captain Hazen bringing an account of the landing at St. John's of Benedict Arnold with a number of armed men. Rebels in arms upon the Lakes. Their movements. Consternation in the towns and country. Indefensible state of Quebec. Caution and circumspection required on account of the tainted minds of the people by the cabals and intrigues. Communication stopped between this and the other provinces; money required. P.S.—June 8. Return of the enemy, who have taken post near to St. John's.

Copy. 7¼ *folio pages.* [The original signed letter is in the Public Record Office, Colonial Correspondence Quebec, Vol. 11, f. 56.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Gov^r^ Carleton to the Earl of Dartmouth dated Montreal 7^th^ and 8^th^ of June 1775 (N° 12) R/ 29^th^ July.

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COLONEL ETHAN ALLEN to JAMES MORRISON and the MERCHANTS that are friendly to the Cause of Liberty in MONTREAL.

1775, *May* 18.—*Acquaints them that Lakes George and Champlain with the fortresses are now in the possession of the Colonies. The advance guard is now at St. John's and desires "immediate personal intercourse." Assistance as to provisions, ammunition, etc. is wanted and forthwith expected and they are desired, without further notice, to prepare these articles to the amount of £500 and deliver them instantaneously. His own instructions are not to injure or molest the Canadians or Indians —this to be communicated to them.*

Copy. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Ethan Allen, stiling himself Commander of the Army, to M^r^ James Morrison & merchants friendly to the cause of Liberty, in Montreal, 18^th^ May 1775. *In Gov^r^ Carleton's Letter of 7^th^ June No.* 12. (1.)

BENEDICT ARNOLD to THOMAS WALKER.

1775, *May* 20. *Ticonderoga.—Requesting him to give any assistance and advice that may be required to Capt. Nineham,* [*Nimham*] *who is going on an embassy to Cocknawaugho.*

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Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Benedt Arnold to Mr Walker at Montreal; Dated Ticonderoga 20th May 1775. In Govr Carleton's Letter of the 7th June. No. 12. (2.)

COLONEL ETHAN ALLEN to the "COUNCILLORS at KOCANAWAGO, pr favor of CAPTAIN NIMHAM."

1775, *May* 24. *Crown Point, the head quarters of the army.—Recommending Captain Abraham Nimham of Stockbridge as Ambassador of Peace to the Indians. Hopes they will not fight for King George and against their friends and brothers in the Colonies. Desires their warriors will go and see him and help him fight the King's regular troops. Promises money, blankets, tomahawks, etc.*

Copy. 2¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of Ethan Allen's Letter to the Councillors of Kocanawago Dated Crown Point 24th May 1775. In Govr Carleton's Letter of the 7th June No 12. (3.)

BENEDICT ARNOLD to THOMAS WALKER.

1775, *May* 24. *Crown Point.—Asks to be advised from time to time of the number of troops with him, their movements, etc. Expects to be joined in a few days by* 2000 *more men.*

Copy. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Benedt Arnold, to Mr Walker at Montreal. Dated Crown Point 24th May 1775. In Govr Carleton's Letter of the 7 June 1775 No 12. (4.)

MR. PHILIPS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, June 7.—Giving a sketch of a plan for the government of the American Provinces.

Autograph letter. In the third person. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Philips 1775. Ideas of Accomodation with America.

B. ROBERTS to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, June 7. No 21, Tottenham Street, Rathbone Place.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B. Roberts 1775, on raising a Corps of Canadians.

WILLIAM STRAHAN to DOCTOR BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

1775, June 7. London.—Hopes the Congress consists of men disposed to promote a reconciliation with England, if so, he shall expect to see Franklin return with full powers to terminate all differences upon reasonable and solid terms.

Extract. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—London, June 7, 1775. Extract of a Letter from William Strahan Esqr to Dr Franklin.

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RICHARD YATES to MESSRS. SARGENTS, CHAMBERS, & Co.

1775, June 7. New York.—Has lately shipped a quantity of goods to his friends Nowlan and Leacocke in Madeira, and ordered them to remit Sargents Chambers & Co. the amount, which he imagines will be £2000. No alteration for the better in affairs here, but hopes they will be no sufferers thereby.

Extract. Intercepted. ½ folio page.

Endorsed:—New York June 7, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Rich[d] Yates to Mess[rs] Sargents Chambers & Co.

Acting LIEUTENANT H. DAWSON to the REVEREND MR. GOODRICKE, Aldborough, near Boroughbridge, Yorkshire.

1775, June 8. Boston Camp.—"Dear Uncle, Your apprehensions concerning the situation we were in, proved but too true." Hopes Boston now understands that the Americans are engaged in a general contest for supremacy. Trade is destroyed and the peasants are training for soldiers. Frequent skirmishes have taken place but the English are always victorious. Details of the affair on Noddles Island. The troops much encouraged by the arrival of the three Generals about a fortnight ago. Work is difficult and they are in want of fresh provisions.

Extract. Intercepted. 2 folio pages.

Endorsed:—Boston Camp, June 8, 1775. Extract of a Letter from L[t] Dawson to The Rev[d] M[r] Goodricke.

JOHN MORTON to THOMAS POWELL, Merchant, London.

1775, June 8. Philadelphia.—An entire stoppage to trade is expected on the 1st of the next month and preparations are being made for a civil war as the people are determined to support the cause of liberty. Petitions and remonstrances from London meet with the same fate as those from the colonies and are treated as of no consequence. General Gage is hemmed in by the provincials at Boston. Calling the Americans *rebels* has made them desperate and they now mean to act as such. Arrival of Major Skene Governor of Ticonderoga, Crown Point and the Lakes, but as these places have been taken possession of by New England men, he has no Government to go to, and is under a guard of American militia; it is expected he will be obliged to show his papers. Sincerely wishes reconciliation as the contest is horrible.

Copy. Intercepted. 2 folio pages.

Endorsed:—Philad[a] 6mo. 8th 1775. Copy of a Letter from Jn° Morton to Tho[s] Powell.

PETER RENAUDET to INGHAM FOSTER.

1775, June 8. New York.—Deplores the unhappy contest between Britain and America and hopes soon to be in England again unless the ports should be shut. Account to-day from Boston of a skirmish on Hog and Noddle Islands, in which the regulars have lost over 150 men and the provincials only one killed and four wounded. Gage still shut up in Boston and limited to salt provisions. If affairs continue thus the Colonies will soon have 270,000 fighting men.

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Endorsed:—New York June 8, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Peter Renaudet to M[r] Ingham Foster.

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LORD DRUMMOND to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, June 9. 10 o'clock evening. Whitehall.—Has just seen a letter dated Boston 21 April from a gentleman of some importance who has arrived there from Salem which place he quitted on account of the affair of the 19th; he states that the retreat by Lord Percy was deemed a piece of masterly officership in bringing off his men with so little loss through a severe and incessant fire for twenty miles; killed, wounded and missing between 80 and 100 including many officers. The provincials were endeavouring to cut off communication between the town and country and they are computed at 20,000. Lord Percy is in good health at General Gage's house.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L[d] Drummond 9[th] June 1775. Intelligence from Boston.

MESSRS. GIBSON and ASTON to MESSRS. JOHN and ROBERT BARCLAY, Merchants in London.

1775, June 9. Philadelphia.—Many skirmishes have happened about Boston, much to the disadvantage of the King's troops; the New Englanders are strengthening their acquisitions at Ticonderoga and Crown Point and they are masters of Lake Champlain, having taken all the vessels upon it. The country is now firmly united and preparing to contend for their liberties. Major Skene on his arrival found his Government taken from him by the Connecticut forces and himself a prisoner in Philadelphia. Still hope that the Ministry will stop their measures before it is too late to conquer America.

Extract. Intercepted. 1⅓ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Philadelphia, June 9, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Mess[rs] Gibson & Aston to Mess[rs] Jn[o] & Rob[t] Barclay.

MORDECAI LEWIS to JOSEPH WOODS, Whitehart Court, Gracechurch Street.

1775, June 9. Philadelphia.—Fears if measures are not altered at home an accommodation will never take place between the two countries. Congress is endeavouring to raise men to furnish an army and they have appointed a Committee to draw up another Petition to the King, an Address to the People of England, one to the Assembly of Jamaica, and one to the People of Canada. Many desertions from the General's army. Military manœuvres in Philadelphia. Arrival and arrest of Colonel Skene, with seizure of his papers. Generals Howe, Burgoyne and Clinton have arrived at Boston. Acts of Parliament by no means affect them as they used to.

Extract. Intercepted. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Philad[a] June 9, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Mordecai Lewis to M[r] Joseph Woods.

ALEXANDER INNES to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, June 10–13. Charles Town.—After the signing, by the Members of the Congress, of the association enclosed, it was carried round the town by a committee with orders to report all who refused to subscribe. Few dared refuse. Raising of troops and other military measures decided upon by the Provincial Congress. Several leading men here tremble at the lengths already gone and strive to check the

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torrent. Refers him to Captain Barbet for many particulars. Laments Admiral Graves's neglect of this province where smuggling goes on daily.

Autograph letter signed. 7 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Charles Town, 10th June, 1775. Mr Innis, Secry to Ld Wm Campbell (private). R/ 3rd August 1775. [*And, on a wrapper,*] 1 P.M. Read by the King.

Enclosures:—

1775, *June* 3, 4, *and* 6.—*Newspaper cutting containing the Association subscribed to by the members of the South Carolina Provincial Congress* 4 *June. With Resolutions of the* 3rd *and* 6th *June.*

1 *printed strip* 7½″ × 2½″.

List of officers for forces raised in South Carolina.

M.S. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Officers of the South Carolina fforces. In Mr. Innis's private Letter to Lord Dartmouth 10 *June* 1775.

ARTILLERY at BOSTON.

1775, June 10. Boston.—John Montresor, Commanding Engineer at Head Quarters. Memoranda of Cannon, Workmen, and Works lately carried on at Boston, sent to Major General Haldimand.

Signed by Montresor. 4 *folio pages.*

THOMAS WHARTON to SAMUEL WHARTON.

1775, June 10. Philadelphia.—Gives an account of Major Skene's arrival and the seizure of his papers. He and two other officers who came with him are prisoners at the City Tavern. Congress yet sitting but making slow progress. The New Yorkers making provision to support the Pass at Ticonderoga and hinder the Canadians, etc. from piercing their country. Desertions from Major Hamilton's corps. Advice given by the Continental Congress for the government of Massachusetts Bay. Preparation of another petition to the King declaring their willingness to grant money by the Assemblies but that they will not submit to Parliamentary taxation.

Copy. Intercepted. 4½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Philadelphia, June 10, 1775. Copy of a Letter from Thomas Wharton to Samuel Wharton Esqr.

LIEUTENANT JOCELYN FELTHAM of the 26th Regiment to [MAJOR-GENERAL HALDIMAND.]

1775, June 11 and a few lines on the 12th. New York.—Giving, by direction of Captain De La Place of the 26th, a detailed account of the surprising of the Fort of Ticonderoga on 10 May and the circumstances which followed it.

Autograph letter signed. 5½ *folio pages.*

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CROWN POINT and TICONDEROGA.

1775, *May* [11] 2*d Thursday.—Resolution of the General Assembly of Connecticut appointing a Committee to take care*

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of and provide for the officers and soldiers taken at Crown Point and Ticonderoga and sent into this Colony.
1½ *folio pages.*

1775, *May* 10, 11.—*Return of the garrison of Ticonderoga made prisoners in the Fort on the* 10th *May, and of the prisoners taken at Crown Point on the following day. With the total number of prisoners sent into New England from the two garrisons and those taken on both Lakes. Signed Jocelyn Feltham, Lieutenant* 26th *Regiment.*
1½ *folio pages.*

A list of the names of officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers and the places they were taken, i.e., Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Lake George and Lake Champlain.
1 *large folio page.*

A list of the persons chiefly concerned in taking the Forts of Ticonderoga and Crown Point, His Majesty's Sloop at St. Johns, and Fort George, with the names of the places in which some of them reside. Particulars concerning Benedict Arnold, Ethan Allen, who raised what he calls his Green Mountain Boys, Colonel Eston, John Brown, and the Rev.— Allen, Seth Warner, Baker and Romans, who took possession of Fort George and who is an excellent draughtsman, Elisha Phelps, Bird and Epaphras Bull.
2 *folio pages.*

1775, *May* 31. *Hartford.—Pass to Lieutenants Arthur Wadman and Jocelyn Feltham from the Committee appointed by the Connecticut House of Assembly (Erastus Wollcott and seven others) allowing them to go to New Jersey and New York unmolested to see their friends.*
Copy. 1 *folio page.*

JOSEPH GOLDTHWAIT to JOHN BLACKBURN.

1775, June 11. Boston.—"As to Politicks, I dont know what to say. We remain as in my last, still blockaded up." The Congress at Philadelphia has voted to make a million of money, and all the colonies to be jointly concerned in redeeming it, to carry on the war against the Government. Refusal to submit to any Acts of Supremacy or Taxation by Parliament. The New England Governments have issued Treasurers' notes for payment of the rebel soldiers and those who reject them are deemed enemies to their country.
Extract. Intercepted. ¾ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Boston, 11 June 1775. Extract of a Letter from Mr Jos Goldthwait to Jno Blackburn Esqr.

ENOCH STORY to MESSRS. JOHN and ROBERT BARCLAY.

1775, June 11. Philadelphia.—The proceedings of the Continental Congress kept very secret. A sufficient reinforcement of the Connecticut people is supposed to be at Ticonderoga to keep possession of that fortress against any attempt of the regulars to retake it. Arrival of Captain McCulloch, Major Skene, Lieutenant Moncrief and others.

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Skene and Moncrief detained as prisoners but now discharged on their parole of honour not to cross the Delaware or Schuylkill or go further than eight or ten miles north or south of the city. Nothing material was discovered by an examination of their papers.

Extract. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Philad[a] 11[th] June 1775. Extract of a Letter from Enoch Story to Mess[rs] Jn[o] & Rob[t] Barclay.

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM HOWE to GENERAL HARVEY.

1775, June 12 and 18.—"The Situation which The Enemy has taken in Forming the Blockade, is Judicious & Strong, being well Intrenched where The Situation Requires it, & with Cannon." His reasons for not attacking them, the needs of his army and refusal of the colonies to supply him. Intelligence scanty and only through rebels, so is ignorant of the doings in the neighbourhood. States his ideas of the measures desirable to be taken on Dorchester Neck and Roxbury and other places and the force required.

Extract. 5 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract from a Letter from Boston 12 *June* 1775. Gen. Howe to Gen[l] Harvey.

Duplicate of the foregoing.

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM HOWE to LORD HOWE.

1775, June 12. Boston.—"In consequence of the defection at New York a Frigate has been sent to bring the 4 Regiments destined for that Province to this Port." The situation of the rebels for continuing the blockade of this town is exceedingly strong; gives particulars respecting their numbers, manner of fighting and position. Disadvantages under which the British troops labour. Details of the taking of Fort Ticonderoga. Gives his ideas of the measures able to be taken in their present situation, showing he has no great hopes of doing much this campaign with the present force. Is in great want of frigates and states the army required for the province of New York and the garrison of Boston and how to furnish the same.

Copy in Lord Howe's hand. 5⅝ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Gen[l] Howe to Lord Howe.

BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES ROBERTSON to [ ].

1775, June 13. Boston.—"A Gentleman lately sent to Philadelphia brought me the inclosed, which I consider as the best Intelligence he brought." The Congress here has struck money and is severe against those who refuse it. Mr. Burgoyne had a good share in framing the General's proclamation. People say there is more attention paid to style than to policy. The Irish transports with troops are arriving. "The Rebels lie round the Town and our Boats make it in a manner all land round us." Nothing less than a decisive victory will alter the face of affairs. Prescot sails to-morrow for Quebec.

Copy. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from B. Gen[l] Robertson, dated Boston 13[th] June, 1775, with a Letter addressed to him from Philadelphia of 25[th] May.

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[ ] to Brigadier General Robertson.

1775, *May* 25.—*The affair at Lexington has given such ideas of New England prowess that the Americans will listen to no terms but such as they themselves shall dictate. Delegates from the New England colonies declare openly against any Law of Parliament binding them in any respect. Congress proceedings. "It was said, and I believe truly, that Dr. Franklin came out as an agent from Lord Chatham, to propose certain Terms, which he would push at home . . . We fear Lord Chatham: he is for having the supremacy acknowledged . . . . Lord North's Motion would be slavery." The taking of Ticonderoga has given great spirit to the Americans. New York has out-heroded Herod; its delegates are still the ablest in Congress. They hate the New Englanders. Strange and fabulous stories told of the provincials and the troops.*

Copy. 3¾ *folio pages.*

Lieutenant Robert Tomlinson to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, June 13.—Fears in the present situation of American affairs many men will vent their odious and baneful spite against his Lordship. Is desirous of finding an antidote for their poison, and if facts are given him, he will readily exert all his powers to avert the pernicious consequences which evil surmising and artful falsehoods might occasion.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Lieut[t] Tomlinson 13 June 1775.

Lieutenant J[ocelyn] F[eltham] to [Major General Frederick Haldimand].

1775, June 14. York.—Account of the seizure of Ensign Morland when sitting with him in his lodgings the previous night, by a party of more than twenty armed men, Mr. Broome and Mr. Sears being the principal, who sent him a prisoner to Hartford in Connecticut because of his alleged communication with Major Skene at Philadelphia.

Autograph letter signed. ¾ *folio page.*

Endorsed :—Letters from M[r] Feltham concerning the taking of Ticonderoga &c. and other Matters for Gen[l] Aldemand.

Cabinet Minute.

1775, June 15.—Held at Lord North's. Agreed :—To submit to His Majesty that the opinion of the meeting is to augment the force under General Gage, from Great Britain, Ireland and Canada. With a paper headed "Agenda" relative to New Jersey, the West Indies and St. John's.

In Lord Dartmouth's hand. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Agenda.

Lieutenant Jocelyn Feltham to [Major General Frederick Haldimand].

1775, June 15. York.—One Angus McDonald late a Corporal in the 26th Regiment has been before the Congress now sitting in this

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place. He has been sent prisoner to Hartford, letters, it is said, having been given up by him ("but I rather imagine they have taken them") from Major Small and Captain McDonald.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *folio page.*

THOMAS WHARTON to SAMUEL WHARTON.

1775, June 15. Philadelphia.—Is intimately acquainted with the members of the Congress and is assured they wish for a re-establishment of peace and harmony between Britain and America but are determined to be prepared for the worst as they have voted men and money to carry on the war. The Connecticut people have seized stores belonging to the King near New York. Has been informed that Lord Dunmore has left the castle and taken refuge on board a man of war. Reports of the circumstances attending this action.

Copy. Intercepted. 3¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Philad[a] June 15, 1775. Copy of a Letter from M[r] Tho[s] Wharton to Sam[l] Wharton Esq[r].

BUNKER'S HILL.

1775, June 17.—A sketch of the action between the British forces and the American provincials, on the heights of the peninsula of Charlestown.

Printed and coloured. 1 *sheet.*

1775, June 17.—A list of officers killed and wounded on Saturday 17 June 1775. Total army killed and wounded 1,041.

1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—List of the Killed and Wounded at Bunker's Hill. June 17, 1775.

JAMES HUTTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, June 19. King's Road, Chelsea, opposite Mrs. Hutchins's Farm.—Accounts from the Ohio shew the willingness of the Delaware Indians to receive the Gospel through the instrumentality of Captain White Eye. They also with their land to be secured to them by the King and for that purpose resolved to send this Captain to England. He comes with good recommendations and was to set out on 2 March for Pittsburg on his way to England. Hutton will be glad of an interview with his Lordship on this subject, as he hopes it will be properly treated because it greatly affects the missionaries' influence in their country.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed (*on the back of his note of the* 26*th*) *:*—M[r] Hutton concerns White Eye. 19 June 1775.

LORD PERCY to [ ].

1775, June 19. Boston.—Informs him of the victory over the rebels by General Howe on the 17th instant after an obstinate engagement. Gives details of the great loss sustained by them though number not yet

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certainly known. Enemy's loss over 300. He was not personally engaged in the action being on duty in the lines that day, but his regiment is almost cut to pieces being one of the first to attack.

Copy. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from L[d] Piercy. Boston June 19, 1775, relative to the Engagement on Bunkers Hill.

CABINET MINUTES.

1775, June 21.—Meeting held at Lord North's house. In Lord Dartmouth's hand. General Carleton is to raise 2000 Canadians to be employed as Light Infantry under Gage. Highlanders to be sent to America and Regiments from Gibraltar and Minorca to join them.

1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Minutes of *Cabinet*, 21 June 1775. Ex.

JOHN FLORRY to [LORD DARTMOUTH.]

1775, June 22. Cleobury near Bewdley.—Considers his bullets would be of great service in America at the present time. He has thought of a method of taking prisoners which he will disclose to his Lordship if there is any chance of a reasonable recompense being granted him.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—John Flory 22 June 1775, on his Invention of Bullets.

JAMES HUTTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, June 23. King's Road, Chelsea.—In order to save time on Monday communicates the substance of his letters and dispatches. Account of the disputes between the Shawenese and Delawares and reconciliation through the mediation of Captain White Eye. Their decision to receive the Gospel and desire to have their land confirmed to them; for the latter purpose the Captain is coming to England with recommendations from Lord Dunmore and others. Hopes he will be kindly treated and obtain his object.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

LORD HYDE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, June 23.—Not having yesterday had the honour and satisfaction of conversing with His Lordship, ventures to scratch out in the greatest hurry some ideas which his zeal would not let him suppress and which he hopes will concur with His Lordship's opinion.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

Ideas respecting America. On the top of this is written "An Appendix to a former importunity." In Lord Hyde's hand. "A great part of the nation, notwithstanding the workings & influence of opposition, is suspended in opinion on the outrages of America & on the proceedings of government." The press

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well employed is often of use. News received from Canada suggest that that province might be serviceable to check the rebels.

4½ *folio pages.*

CAPTAIN LAURIE to [ ].

1775, June 23. Camp on Charles Town Heights.

Copy. 2½ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Captn Laurie Of the 43d Regimt. With an Account of the Battle on Bunker's Hill, and his opinion respecting America.

[PAUL WENTWORTH] to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, June 24.—With reference to some 'tho'ts towards forming a plan of operations in America.' [Query: May this be the undated paper under Paul Wentworth's name placed at the end of this year, 'Ideas which may be woven into a plan' etc.]

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Anon. 24 June 1775. Sup. P. W—th Esqr.

Frederick, BISHOP OF DERRY, to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, June 25, Derry.—"A Vessel is this very moment arriv'd at our Quay in 28 days from Philadelphia & brings letters from thence": —These letters are replete with exultation on their success against the Fort of Ticonderoga. Congress is determined that all American ports should be shut on the 20th July and New York and North Carolina had determined not to avail themselves of the privilege granted them by Parliament. Universal armament in America and the colonies unanimous in defence of American freedom.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Bp of Derry 25 June 1775, with a Note of Intelligence from America.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, June 25. Boston.—No. 33. Account of the storming of the battery raised by the rebels on Charlestown Point on the 17th instant. Sends a list of killed and wounded. The success of the day in a great measure to be attributed to Brigadier General Pigot.

Copy. 4¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Honble Lieut Genl Gage, to the Earl of Dartmouth, dated Boston 25th June 1775 (No 33) R/25th July.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, June 25.—No. 34. The last transport of the first embarkation from Ireland landed her troops at this port on the 19th instant, and 422

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recruits &c. have arrived under the command of Major Bruce. Has heard that a motion was made in the Congress at Philadelphia for conciliatory measures with Great Britain; has also been informed that Lord Dunmore and his family have been compelled to take refuge on board the "Fowey" ship of war; doubts the first item, but thinks the latter authentic. There is scarcely a province that has not overthrown its Government and all power is lodged in the hands of Congresses and Committees; the people are so blind and "bigotted" that they cannot see they have exchanged liberty for tyranny. No advices received from Canada for three months past, though he has sent there for supplies of all kinds.

Copy. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from The Hon^ble^ Lieu^t^ Gen^l^ Gage, to The Earl of Dartmouth, dated Boston 25^th^ June 1775. (N° 34.) R/ 25^th^ July.

Lieutenant-General Thomas Gage to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, June 25.—*Private.* Wishes that the success, so necessary, had not cost so dear. The number of killed and wounded is greater than they could afford to lose. The rebels are shown not to be the disorderly rabble too many have supposed. They have fortified all the heights and passes around the town. It will be perceived that the conquest of the country is not easy and can be effected only by time and perseverance and strong armies attacking it in various quarters and so dividing their forces. In all their wars against the French they have showed no such conduct, attention and perseverance as they do now. The people's minds are kept heated and inflamed and they do not see they have exchanged liberty for tyranny. No people were ever governed more absolutely than the American Provinces now are, and no reason can be given for their submission but that it is a tyranny they have erected themselves.

Copy. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Hon^ble^ Lieu^t^ Gen^l^ Gage, to the Earl of Dartmouth, dated Boston 25^th^ June 1775. *Private.* R/ 25^th^ July.

Governor Guy Carleton to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, June 26. Montreal.—No. 13. Martial law proclaimed and militia enrolled. Movements of the enemy. Letter he has received from General Gage, empowering him to draw for money, and putting all the upper posts under his immediate command. The effect ten or twelve thousand men would have here. Letters received from Colonel Guy Johnson at Fort Stanwix, who tells of important communication threatened from the Susquehannah and applies for provisions, ammunition, blankets, and a small body of troops necessary to encourage the Indians to persevere in the British interest.

Copy. 4 *folio pages.* [The original signed letter is in the Public Record Office, Colonial Correspondence, Quebec, Vol. 11, fo. 62.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Governor Carleton to the Earl of Dartmouth dated Montreal 26^th^ June 1775. (N° 13.) R/ 29^th^ July.

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Enclosure :—

1775, *June* 24. *Montreal.—State of His Majesty's Troops in the Province of Quebec commanded by His Excellency Major General Guy Carleton.*

Copy. 3 *large folio pages.*

Endorsed :—From Copy in Gov^r Carleton's (N^o 13) of 26 June 1775.

ALEXANDER FRASER, Midshipman on the "Scarborough" Man-of-War, to [ ].

1775, June 26. Portsmouth, New Hampshire.—The battle previously mentioned by him has produced as yet no visible consequences though it is the general opinion the rebels are sick of the service as they are not able to cope with the troops. A reported division in the Continental Congress. Samuel Adams and John Hancock have been excepted from the pardon offered by General Gage's proclamation to all who shall lay down their arms; some have availed themselves of this offer but great numbers hesitate through fear of being taken in the attempt. Present distressed condition of the country. Insufficient force on the English side to reduce the rebels as every skirmish diminishes it while they are continually increasing in numbers. Unwarrantable acts of violence committed. They have robbed the different forts of the cannon and ammunition and forced the governor with his family to leave the town.

Extract. 2¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed :—Extract of a Letter from M^r Frazer a Midshipman in the Navy at Portsmouth N. Hampshire, dated 26^th June 1775. On the Skirmish at Bunker's Hill. Ex.

JAMES HUTTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, June 26, Monday.—Begs to know when Capt. White Eye arrives. If there were any of the messengers at whose house he and Montour could be lodged much mischief might be prevented. Suggests providing clothing, that they might not attract attention. These were the principal matters about which he had intended to speak to-day to his Lordship.

Note in the third person. 1 *page.*

SIR EGERTON LEIGH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, June 26. Saville Row.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed :—S^r Egerton Leigh 26 June 1775, proposing the Resignation of his Seat in the Council of S^o Carolina, if necessary.

WILLIAM MOLLESON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, June 27, Tuesday. America Square.—Has several letters of consequence to communicate to his Lordship at a convenient opportunity. A ship of his arrived yesterday from America having spoken

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with seven sail of transports on 17 May bound for New York with troops and expected to arrive there about the 24th May.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—W. Molleson Esq^{r} 27 June 1775, inclosing the Proceedings of the Maryland Convention.

Enclosure:—

MARYLAND.

1775, *April* 24—3 *May.—Printed Proceedings of a meeting of the Deputies of the Counties of Maryland held at Annapolis on the* 24th *April and continued by adjournment from day to day to the* 3^{d} *of May.*

2 *folio pages.*

MAJOR GAVIN COCHRANE to SIR ADOLPHUS OUGHTON.

1775, June 28. Duke's Court.—Seeing accounts in the newspapers that the people of New England have made themselves masters of Crown Point and Ticonderoga, where he commanded four years, offers some observations on their situation and condition. Their importance because commanding the communication between Canada and New York, also with the New England provinces. Describes the forts. The principal reason for having garrisons at these posts was to keep up the communication.

Autograph letter signed. 2¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Major Cochran to S^{r} Ad. Oughton 28th June, 1775. Hints respecting Crown Point & Ticonderoga.

CONGRESS. RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TROOPS.

1775, June 30. Philadelphia.—Printed pamphlet entitled—Rules and Articles for the better Government of the Troops Raised or to be raised and kept in pay by and at the joint Expense of the Twelve United English Colonies of North America. Signed, by order of the Congress, John Hancock, President.

17 *octavo pages, sewn.*

GOVERNOR JOSIAH MARTIN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, June 30. Fort Johnston, North Carolina,—No. 34. Details circumstances that have occurred in his province since his last letter, showing the spirit of the people, his own personal danger, assistance given by General Gage, and his removal from Newbern. States the measures necessary to be taken to restore order in the province. Proposal to raise a battalion of 1,000 Highlanders there. Refers to the enclosures. South Carolina Congress has sent recruiting parties into North Carolina. Believes that nothing short of the rod of correction will bring back the Americans to obedience. Remarks on the Council and M^{r} Dry Collector of Customs at Fort Johnston.

Duplicate letter signed. 16¾ *large folio pages.* [The original signed letter is in the Public Record Office, Series America and West Indies, Vol. 222, fo. 253.]

Endorsed:—North Carolina. Fort Johnston. 30 June 1773. Governor Martin. N^{o} 34 (Duplicate original not rec^{d}.) R. Sept^{r} 10 1775 (3 Inclosures) Ent^{d}.

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Enclosures:—

NORTH CAROLINA. MINUTES of COUNCIL.

1775, *June* 25. *Fort Johnston.—Address of the Governor relative to the audacious and dangerous proceedings in the province and inviting advice as to the measures to be adopted to support the King's rights. The condition of Fort Johnston being reported on, the Council advise applying to Genl. Gage and their opinion is that the meeting of the Assembly be postponed to a future day as from the example of the other colonies there is not any probability of their proceeding to business.*

Copy certified by Josiah Martin. 3¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—In Gov^r Martin's of the 30 *of June*, 177[illegible]. *N^o* 34.

NORTH CAROLINA.

N.D. [1775, *May* 31.]—*Resolutions* (20) *of a Committee of the county of Mecklenburgh in North Carolina. Signed at Charlotte Town, by order of the Committee, Ephraim Brevard. Suspending all laws and commissions given by the Crown and proposing measures to establish a government for the province.*

4 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—In Gov^r Martins of the 30 *of June*, 1775. *N^o* 34.

[*The third enclosure is not now with the letter.*]

INTELLIGENCE.

[1775, June.]—Paper in John Pownall's hand, endorsed "Intelligence." Sir Stanier Porten has just been here to communicate the following Intelligence, viz.:—That 3 battalions of French, lately in garrison at Lisle, were ordered to be at Brest on the 22^d of June to embark for the West Indies. Four more battalions from France to follow. The Spanish fleet sailed from Carthagena on the 23^d June but on the 24^th they were only three leagues from the coast, owing to the easterly winds. Monsieur Bulkeley and Count D'Estaing have requested of Monsieur de Muy to serve on board the Spanish Flota but have been refused on the ground that the Court of France does not know the object of its destination.

1½ *quarto pages.*

[ROYAL HIGHLAND EMIGRANTS REGIMENT.]

N. D. [1775, June].—Letter not signed, dated, nor addressed; beginning—"Sir I hope your Excellency will have the goodness to pardon the liberty I take, in troubling you on a Subject, which has been revealed to me in Confidence, by my friend Major Small." Owing to the great influx of Highlanders into this province, proposes the enlisting of them into a brigade. Shows the desirability of such a step at the present juncture of affairs. Offers himself as commander of such a brigade if another is not destined for the post.

Copy. 3¾ *folio pages.*

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VIRGINIA.

N. D. [1775, June].—Address of the Council of Virginia to all the good people of the Province. Can no longer forbear to express their abhorrence and detestation of the ungovernable spirit which misleads the once happy people of this country. Desire the consequences to be considered. The Council on this occasion wish to be looked upon not as a separate body of men, but as the watchful guardians of the rights of the people. Will heartily join with them in whatever means may be judged most salutary for enforcing obedience to the laws.

Copy. 1 *page.* [A printed broadside is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 213, fo. 427.]

Endorsed:—Address of Council of Virginia to the People.

EDWARD FISHER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 1. Mr. Chapman's, Cheap Street, Bath.—Quotes from a letter written on the 12th May by his brother John Fisher showing the confused state of affairs in America since the action of 19 April, and who as he is Collector of Customs at Salem and in personal danger from the populace, asks leave and opportunity to embark for England. Desires his Lordship to intercede with Lord North on his brother's behalf.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Fisher. Bath 1 July 1775. To Lord Dartmouth desiring Leave of Absence for his Brother.

IS. SEAGROVE to JOHN BLACKBURN.

1775, July 2. New York.—In consequence of England's rejecting the remonstrance and petition sent from the colonies to redress the grievances, the Americans are determined to defend their liberty by a vigorous opposition. Preparations for war. Non-importation stoutly adhered to and non-exportation daily expected. Not less than 2,000 lives have been lost since the 19th April. Saw the action at Lexington, which was a hot one. Not less than 1,500 fell in the attack on Breed's Hill; a general engagement may be hourly expected. Washington, Lee, Ward and Putnam are in command of the American army. It is said General Carleton is coming down from Canada with an army of Indians and French; a strong army is posted at Ticonderoga to intercept him. Wishes he were in England as he has no relish for civil war.

Copy. Intercepted. 3 *folio pages and* 2 *lines.*

Endorsed:—New York, July 2^{d} 1775. Copy of a Letter from I^{s} Seagrove to Jn^{o} Blackburn Esq^{r}.

The REVEREND DOCTOR JOHN EWING to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 3. No. 25, Ludgate Street.—On the desirability of granting the request stated in the enclosed memorial.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—D^{r} Ewing 3^{d} July 1775, inclosing Petition to the King.

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Enclosure :—

PETITION to the KING.

1775, *July* 3. *London.—From the Reverend Doctor John Ewing and Doctor Hugh Williamson (two of the Trustees of the Academy of Newark in the County of Newcastle upon Delaware). Desiring a grant of a tract of land towards the establishment and support of their Seminary to assist in diffusing Christianity among parts now much neglected and strengthening and preserving their allegiance to the King at this critical time as well as in the future.*

Original. Signed. (Both signatures in one hand, not Ewing's, probably Dr Williamson's.) 1 large folio page.

Endorsed :—Dr Ewing's Petition.

ALEXANDER INNES to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 3. Charles Town.—Remarks on the disposition and conduct of the people of this province. Had he known affairs would have come to this climax, and Lord William [Campbell] been deserted by those who ought to support him, he would not have ventured to undertake the task he has done, but till it can be more ably filled, he will endeavour to do his best therein.

Autograph letter signed. 3 folio pages.

Endorsed :—Mr Innes Charlestown 3 July 1775, respecting public Affairs in So. Carolina. Mr Innis Charlestown 3 July 1775.

LORD HYDE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 4.—" Ld Hyde presents his respects to Ld Dartmouth ; who will be convinced by the inclosed ideas how little his Lp lost by not being at home when Ld H. called at his door." Lord H——'s zeal renders him over officious but he begs his minutes may be confined to Lord Dartmouth and Lord North.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 quarto page.

Endorsed :—Ld Hyde 4 July 1775.

Enclosure :—

LORD HOWE to LORD HYDE.

1775, [*June* 29]. *Thursday night, Grafton Street.—" As your wishes, my Dr Lord, will always have with me the force of commands, I give you upon paper as much as I can recollect of the substance of what I had the honor to state to your Lordship in the Drawing Room." Respecting the Bill expected to be offered the following day for restraining the Fishery and other export trade of Massachusetts Bay.*

Autograph letter signed. 4¼ quarto pages. The end of this letter is written (apparently by mistake) on the back of one from Lord Hyde to Lord Howe of 10 February 1775.

DONALD MCLEAN to TIMOTHY BEVAN, Druggist, Lombard Street.

1775, July 4, New York.—" You cannot possibly form a proper Idea of the convulsed State of the Colonies at this very juncture,":—I

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is feared that the sinew of trade is already broken and only anarchy and confusion stare the land in the face.

Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—New York July 4, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Dond McLean to Mr Timothy Bevan.

WILLIAM SMITH to MAJOR-GENERAL FREDERICK HALDIMAND.

1775, July 4. New York.—"Sir, I have the Honor to inclose the MSS. you desired to peruse; and by the Absence of my best Clerk, am obliged to apologise for so bad a Copy." Leaves town early in the morning and wishes Haldimand an agreeable voyage.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

Thoughts upon the Dispute between Great Britain and her Colonies. Written in 1767. *Beginning "They who speak of the Union between these Countries, barely as of Importance. . . . . do not express themselves properly."*

Copy. 8½ *folio pages.* [*For a similar paper purporting to be by Brook Watson see above* 23 *January. See also at the end of* 1774.]

Copy of the same endorsed:—Thoughts upon the Dispute between G. Britain & the Colonies, written by Mr. Wm. Smith of N. York in 1767.

14 *pages.*

A. Z. to the REVEREND JOHN VARDIL[L].

1775, July 5. New York.—"It is said that a Motion has been made at the Continental Congress for an Independency, which occasioned very warm Debates." Captain John Hansen, who lately discovered some of the secrets of the French Cabinet, for which he received a pension of £500, has now it is said discovered that the English Ministry are in league with the Pretender, who must this year assert his right to the throne, or be for ever barred. This is supposed to be the reason of the present measures respecting America, that by drawing the forces out of Great Britain and Ireland those countries will be subject to the incursions of the Pretender. Of the Provincial Officers not one in ten have ever smelt gunpowder. Repeats sentiments declared by the people on the present state of affairs.

Extract. Intercepted. 2⅓ *folio pages.*

JOHN HARRIS CRUGER to HENRY CRUGER, JUNIOR.

1775, July 5. New York.—"It is with the greatest Pleasure I communicate to you the honourable Mention that is made of you in your Support and Defence of our Assembly's Memorial and Remonstrance to the Lords." The treatment of this remonstrance has irritated and greatly vexed many of the moderate well-disposed people and will hasten on the scene of confusion, ruin and anarchy. Is anxious to hear the fate of their petition though despairs of a favourable reception. This

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city wears a warlike appearance. Has received no certain account of Bunker's Hill battle, only newspaper accounts.

Copy. Intercepted. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—New York, July 5, 1775. Copy of a Letter from John Harris Cruger Esq^r^ to Henry Cruger jun^r^ Esq^r^.

MESSRS. MCFARRAN and DUNLAP to MESSRS. JOHNSTON and CANNING.

1775, July 5. New York.—"When Trade will be open again it is uncertain, for People here are determined not to give Way." Considers England cannot subdue them by land, but only destroy their towns by her men of war, and an army marching from under their cover will run a great risk of being massacred.

Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—New York, July 5, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Mess^rs^ M^c^Farran & Dunlap to Mess^rs^ Johnston & Canning.

JOHN WEATHERHEAD to CHARLES WILLIAMOS ESQ., St. James's Place.

1775, July 5. New York.—"Mr. Skeene's promises must appear very highly contemptible to the Ministry, when they are informed that he is a Prisoner still in the Hands of the Philadelphians." His whole family have been dispersed and his effects destroyed by the very people he has been recommending to the favours of the Crown. Ethan Allen and Seth Warner are now parading the streets of New York, notwithstanding that £500 is offered by Act of Assembly for securing their persons. Considers a squadron of small ships of war and 4,000 good regular troops would soon strike terror into the Southern Colonies and "put to flight the rebellious scoundrels in this Province," providing the Admiral and General are active enterprising men.

Extract. Intercepted. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—New York, 5 July 1775. Extract of a Letter from John Weatherhead to Charles Williamos Esq^r^.

JOHN BAYARD to JOHN SARGENT, Downing Street.

1775, July 6. Greenwich.—"Our Situation is as melancholly and shocking as pen can describe it. Where it will end God alone knows." Anarchy and Blood will be the production of this dismal year unless Government should step in and send to this country proper persons to meet and treat with deputies from the different assemblies to settle the differences between the two countries.

Extract. Intercepted. ⅔ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Greenwich, 6 July 1775. Extract of a Letter from Jn^o^ Bayard to Jn^o^ Sargent Esq^r^.

GOVERNOR JOSIAH MARTIN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 6. Fort Johnston, North Carolina.—No. 35. Receipt of dispatches by Captain Tollemache. Disadvantages experienced by not being able to communicate with General Gage. No communication by sea yet established by the Admiral or General and all intercourse by land is cut off by the vigilance of the Committees. "A servant of mine,

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whom I had dispatched from hence to the Post Office at Wilmington for my letters three days ago, was stopped by the Committee at the little Town of Brunswick, who obliged him to swear, that he had no letters for me, before he was suffered to proceed." Regrets that his Lordship's dispatches had been previously opened by the mob at Charlestown as certified by Mr. Roupell, Deputy Post Master General there. Enumerates several letters by the "Sandwich" Packet that his Lordship may judge whether any have been suppressed. Introduces Mr. Schaw and refers his Lordship to him for information of this province. Thinks recent orders respecting the authority of Major and Brigadier-Generals will bear somewhat hard upon himself, though he will not fail to have them fulfilled.

Duplicate autograph letter signed. 5 *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—North Carolina Fort Johnston. 6 July 1775. Gov^{r} Martin. N^{o} 35. (Duplicate origin^{l} not rec^{d}.) Rec^{d} 10 Sept^{r} 1775. Ent^{d}.

John Williams to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, July 6. No. 7, Furnival's Inn.—Appears to have been engaged in the customs in America. Begs his Lordship to interpose on his behalf with Lord North to "obtain the prayer of his petition."

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Williams 6 July, 1775, explaining his distressed Situation and enclosing a Petition.

Walter and Thomas Buchanan and Co. to Messrs. George and John Buchanan, Glasgow.

1775, July 7 and 8. New York.—It has been decided to shut up the ports on the 10th September, unless something is done by the man-of-war to oblige them to alter their sentiments. Do not find that any other house here has any advice of this matter. Are convinced that the first vessel that is stopped going from America by virtue of the Restraining Act will cause all the ports to be shut, or if a man-of-war take any vessel loaded with provisions and carry her to Boston it will result in the same action.

Extract. Intercepted. 1½ *folio pages.*

Governor William Tryon to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, July 7. New York.—The idea of Parliamentary taxation is the heavy clog that keeps the Americans from vigorously supporting Government. Were this accommodated numbers would stand forth in its cause. Hopes his intended answer to the Corporation of this City will meet with his Lordship's approbation. Desires leave of absence by the next packet with discretionary leave to remain if affairs require his presence.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^{r} Tryon, 7th July, 1775. On the Prospect of Affairs in N. York.

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Same as the foregoing. A signed letter only.

Endorsed:—Opinion of the only Means of quieting the Americans.
1½ *folio pages.*

GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 7. New York.—In the delicate state of his health and public situation and it being very probable he may either be taken prisoner as a state hostage, or obliged to retire on board one of His Majesty's ships of war to avoid the insolence of an inflamed mob, humbly requests discretionary leave to return to England and that it may be sent by the next packet. He will make no hasty or improper use of such grace.

Duplicate letter signed. 1 *folio page.* [The autograph signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 185, fo. 423.]

Endorsed:—Gov^{r} Tryon, N. York, 7 July, 1775. Praying a discretionary Leave of Absence.
Again endorsed:—Gov^{r} Tryon July 1775.

BENJAMIN MOORE to the REVEREND DOCTOR COOPER at Dr. Thurloe's, Temple.

1775, July 8. King's College.—"Our Situation grows more & more distressing. The City is held in a constant Alarm." The Connecticut Troops about 1,800 are encamped near Mr. Elliott's. Various false rumours are constantly being spread concerning the movements of the troops. It has been suggested that the college be converted into a hospital and Doctor Clossy Physician General to the American army. Governor Tryon is viewed with a supercilious eye, though he behaves with much prudence and moderation. The Corporation were prohibited by the Provincial Congress from presenting their address to Governor Tryon.

Extract. Intercepted. 1¼ *folio pages.*

GOVERNOR THOMAS SHIRLEY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 10. Dominica.—"M^{r} Robert Temple, who will have the honour of delivering this Letter to your Lordship; is a Gentleman lately arrived here from Boston in his way to England." Commends him to his Lordship's attention as one conversant with American affairs but who has been obliged to quit his home and family on account of service rendered to the King's troops in the skirmish of the 19th April.

Letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^{r} Shirley 10 July 1775.

LORD VISCOUNT TOWNSHEND to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 11. Portman Square.—Requests the loan of Captain Holland's plan of the town of Boston and its environs for a few days.

Original. Not autograph. In the third person. ⅓ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—L^{d} Visc^{t} Townshend 11 July 1775, on the Subject of Ordnance Stores for America.

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Enclosure :—

Account of Ordnance at Quebec and Montreal.
½ quarto page.

LORD VISCOUNT TOWNSHEND to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, July 11. Portman Square.—If more ordnance stores are required, suggests that they could be spared from Boston, as General Gage has more than he can possibly use for Quebec and Virginia. The artillery, small arms and stores are all ready for embarkation as ordered.
Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

LORD DUNMORE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 12. The "Fowey."—Mr. Corbin, Senior, is one of the most influential loyalists in the colony, and his son leaves America entirely on account of the disturbances, having found his life in danger because he would not join the provincials. He is well informed of the transactions in this colony.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—L[d] Dunmore July 1775, recommending M[r] Corbin of Virginia.

The DUKE OF CHANDOS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 13. Acrington.—Highly recommending Captain Shaw who has resided for several years past at Winchester, and whose two sons are now serving His Majesty at Boston under General Gage.
Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—D. of Chandos 13 July 1775, recommending Capt. Shaw.

COLONEL T. HOWARD to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, July 14. White Hall.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Col[l] Howard 14 July 1775, desiring a vacant Reg[t] for his friend Gov[r] Tryon.

CADWALLADER COLDEN, Junior, to the REVEREND DOCTOR MYLES COOPER.

1775, July 15. Coldengham.—"If any one has dared to put Pen to Paper to give you a State of Affairs in this Province since you left us it must fill your sympathetic Breast with the greatest anxiety to hear of the great Progress of———I know not what to call it, in so much that no one dare now print, write or speak a word in favour of Government." His life and property threatened till he was compelled to sign the Association Paper. Some who refused to do so tied hand and foot and sent down to the Provincial Congress. All Church men in this part of the country have appeared averse to the public measures and are consequently called Tories.
Extract. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.* Is in a wrapper marked Communications from M[r] Todd* Oct. 11.

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* Secretary of the General Post Office.

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GOVERNOR JOSIAH MARTIN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 15. "Cruizer" Sloop of War, Cape Fear River, North Carolina.—No. 36. Gives account of Howe's victory at Bunker's Hill as received from the master of a vessel just arrived from Boston. Pernicious influence of printed papers circulated by rebels. Is eager for intelligence and supplies from General Gage; it is rumoured that the Committee at Wilmington have intercepted General Gage's letter to him. Captain Collets' just representations that he could not hold Fort Johnston with three or four men against a multitude have determined him to dismount the artillery and lay it under cover of the "Cruizer's" guns. The fort a contemptible thing. Cornelius Harnett, John Ashe, Robert Howes or Howe and Abner Nash are the persons who lead the revolt in his province and who he proposes should be proscribed the same as Samuel Adams and John Hancock in Massachusetts have been by the King's proclamation.

Autograph letter signed. 4½ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—North Carolina. Cruiser Sloop of War Cape Fear River. 15 July 1775. Gov^r Martin. (N° 36.) R/ 10 Sept^r 1775. Ent^d.

JOHN GIBSON to MESSRS. JOHN AND ROBERT BARCLAY.

1775, July 18. Philadelphia.—General Gage by carrying the Trenches at Bunker's Hill has gained perhaps 1,000 acres of ground by the victory of the 17th but he is as closely besieged as before the arrival of troops from England and Ireland. The Continental Congress has announced the resolution of the country to defend itself against the arbitrary Acts of Parliament; it has taken the reins of Government, and implicit obedience is paid to its decrees. If no response is made to the last petition sent to the King, Independency will be looked forward to and a European Power asked for assistance if required. Harvest generally in; every kind of produce has yielded abundance this year.

Extract. Intercepted. 1½ *folio pages.*

GOVERNOR LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, July 19, last part on 20th. Charles Town.—No. 2. Detriment to the province by General Gage's neglect to send vessels for his assistance. Every hour he hears of vessels from the Dutch and French settlements arriving and smuggling cargoes in the neighbouring creeks. His reasons for not dissolving the Assembly. "The Assembly met the 10th. The Papers inclosed contain every thing that has pass'd, & shows (*sic*) plainly the temper that reigns amongst them. When I received their Address I thought of dissolving them immediately, but I soon found that was what they wish'd; it would have furnished a fresh grievance, & an excuse for every violent, desperate, measure that might be adopted in their Committees, & Councils. They would have immediately said, that by a Dissolution at such a Crisis I had inflamed the minds of the people, weakned Goverment, & riot, anarchy, & confusion, could not fail of being the consequence. I have consider'd this matter with the greatest attention, I have consulted those few of the King's Servants that I could depend on, as well as the Council, & they are all of opinion I cannot fall on a more effectual method to embarass the faction, than suffering the Assembly to sit some little time longer,

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& putting it in their power to compleat the necessary business of the Province, if they chuse it, which I do not expect, as I am convinced they do not wish at present to have even the appearance of a Legislature. They are ripe for any violence, & I am determined whatever is done shall be acted before them; in fact it will be their own Deed, as the Assembly almost to a man are Members of the Congress, & Committee. No subterfuge should be left them; things are come to such a pass My Lord that the whole World ought to know—that the present measures proceed not from a mob fired by oppression but . . . are the result of a concerted plan, and firm determination of a powerful party, to establish an independancy, by Acts as unprovoked, as they are unjustifiable." . . . . . The Advices from the Continental Congress (a few resolutions excepted intended for the publick eye) are as caretully concealed as possible, but it is said that two millions of Dollars are to be raised immediately, & the proportion of this Province will be 56,000£ Ster^{g}. This with the enormous expence of ye new Troops &c^{a}. will oblige them to raise a sum little short of 300,000£ Ster^{g}." The Carolina Committee and Council of Safety sit night and day; is told they are debating about seizing the King's officers and those few who have not signed the Association. "Your Lordship will easily conceive the distress of my present situation, & how very uncertain my personal safety is; but as I know my presence here embarasses them I am determined at all events to remain to the last extremity, & see what they dare do. To publish proclamations against their proceedings would be only giving them an opportunity of pouring fresh insults on Goverment, but could I only keep my ground till General Gage enables me to publish an Account of a severe correction given to the Massachusets People; & till the Admiral recollects the situation we must be in to the Southward, & sends us some little force; I am still in hopes our Heroes here might come to their senses." Has received no communication from Lieutenant Governor Bull. Commends Mr. Wragge for his zeal and loyalty though he is threatened with banishment for it. Georgia has joined the General Association and appointed delegates to the Continental Congress. Gunpowder seized; the governor, Sir James Wright, dares not write. Hears that a posse of men is waiting to seize his dispatches from Mr. Innes as he carries them down to the packet, so will send to Capt. Thornborough for his boat in the night to convey Mr. Innes safely with them. Enumerates five papers sent in a packet with this letter.

Letter signed. 10 *folio pages.* Letter written in Innes's hand.

Endorsed:—Charles Town. 19th & 20th July, 1775. Lord W^{m} Campbell (N° 2) R/. 23^{d} Sept^{r} 1775. (10 Inclosures). Ent^{d}.

Chief Justice W. Hey to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, July 20. Quebec.—The confusion in the province. Three attempts made by the rebels by the way of Lake Champlain. Observations on the Canadians and their refusal to fight against the rebels. His own situation unpleasant but will stay until driven out by armed force, for though he may do little good by staying, he might do harm by leaving.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *folio pages.*

Endorsed on a wrapper:—Quebec. 20 July 1775. Chief Justice Hey relative to the State of Affairs in Quebec. (private) $\frac{m}{40}$. p^{t} 2. P.M. [*and, in the King's hand*] $\frac{m}{3}$. p^{t} 7. P.M.

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Soame Jenyns to [Lord Dartmouth.]

1775, July 20. Botisham.—Has been requested to recommend Mr. James Gifford who has served some years in the Army as Captain of a Company in General Keppel's Regiment, but now sold out and wishes to obtain some inferior Government or Lieutenant Government in America or the West Indies. Thinks he is suitable for it, as he has served six years in that country and seems well acquainted with most of the provinces.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—So. Jenyns Esq^{r} 20 July 1775, recommending M^{r} Gifford to a Governm^{t}.

Benjamin Harrison to General George Washington.

1775, July 21, 23 and 24. Philadelphia.—"Your fatigue and various kinds of trouble, I dare say are great; but they are not more than I expected, knowing the people you have to deal with by the sample we have here. . . . I wish, with all my heart, your troops were better, and your stores more complete. . . . The want of Engineers, I fear, is not to be supplied in America. Some folks here seemed much displeased at your report on that head. . . . Indeed, my friend, I do not know what to think of some of these men; they seem to be exceeding hearty in the cause, but still wish to keep every thing amongst themselves. Our President is quite of a different cast—noble, disinterested, and generous, to a very great degree. The Congress have given you the appointment of three Brigade Majors. . . . The military chest, I hope, will be supplied soon. . . . What has occasioned the delay in this article I know not, without an imitation of the Congress, in its slowness, is become fashionable. . . . The Governour . . . is still at Yorktown, with three men-of-war. He, Montague, and Foye, went the other day by water to his farm, and were within three or four minutes of being all taken by Captain Meredith, with seventy men from Hanover. . . . Meredith says his intentions were to carry his Lordship to Williamsburgh, to put him into the Palace, and promise him protection, to convince him and the world that no injury was intended him; however, as he missed his stroke, I daresay he will be charged with intending to murder him. We think the season too far advanced to send you any more men from the southward. . . . Georgia has come into the Union. . . . The debate about our remove was taken up yesterday, and determined in the negative. I proposed a Committee, but could not carry it. . . . I think it is high time there was an end of the Congress." Recommends Edmund Randolph as Washington's Secretary.

Copy. 6½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a letter from Benj^{n} Harrison (one of the Delegates at the Congress) to G. Washington, dated 21st July, 1775.

Lord Townshend to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, July 21. Rainham.—A letter received from General Gage announces his satisfaction at the arrival of Engineer Page. Hopes others on their way will give equal pleasure. Mentions artillery now at the Tower which would be useful to General Gage and easily trans-

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ported. Lord Dunmore's decision to embark. Has received a letter from North Carolina of 1st June describing the temper of the people there and the willingness of Highlanders to take up arms for the Government. Gunpowder has been shipped from St. Eustatius for America, and the island is full of British manufactures for the American merchants.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L[d] Townshend 21 July, 1775, respecting the Transportation of some Artillery.

WILLING MORRIS & Co. to MESSRS. HEYETT AND BARCLAY.

1775, July 21. Philadelphia.—Are restrained by Act of Parliament from shipping their grain to any foreign country and on the 10th September their exports are to cease by vote of Congress. If English crops are short the people there may feel the want of it and ardently wish for a reconciliation.

Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

[to LORD DARTMOUTH.]

1775, July 21.—Letter not signed, apparently to Lord Dartmouth. Proposes measures for the pacification of America and its restoration to order and obedience. An offer of accommodation after victory will come with greater weight and credit from the administration. Conveys his scheme to his Lordship previous to making it public and if objections are raised to its publication, such will be attended to if sent to the author by letter to G. L. at Stuart's Coffee house, New Bond Street.

4 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Plan of Accommodation. Anonymous.

[COLONEL CHRISTIE] to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 22.—Reasons for taking immediate possession of New York:—

1. "Because the province in General is well affected, & great numbers of real Friends to His Majesty in the Town of New York who wish to promote the Public Tranquility, but are intimidated by a licentious Mob, as well as from the want of Troops under proper Orders, to afford them protection. Therefore it would now require about 2000 Men to recover and take possession of the place, and this force assisted by a determin'd Declaration made to the Town, that Hostilities, and a bombardment should ensue, in case of Insult or Resistance. The Landing to be effected in the North River, a little above the Town, where the Ground commands it, under the protection of a couple of Frigates, & as many Bomb Vessels, in which case there would be no opposition."

2. Because the place in question is strong from its natural situation (this is enlarged upon) and a frigate or small armed vessel if necessary could keep all this rich and extensive country in good order, and the whole easily defended; also, the "possessing New York will be establishing a Centrical and Winter Port for Vessels with Warlike or other Stores as may be found expedient to send from England."

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3. Because opportunity would be given to recover the arms and stores of the King's which were violently seized, and the nations would be happy for the pretence to join and drive off the people who came from the neighbouring provinces of Connecticut at the instigation of certain turbulent and factious spirits in the province of New York.

4. "Because It is of the last Importance in all Countrys under the Calamity of a Civil War, to endeavour, if practicable, to form Provincial Battalions, or a Force raised from among themselves," &c.

5. Because the seeds of Disaffection & Rebellion were 1st sown in the town of New York the country being pretty free from it & depend[ing] so much upon the exportation of their grain . . . "It may almost be presumed, that the Skochry people, a numerous race of Industrious & Obedient Germans settled upon a Creek or River of that name, branching from the Mohock River above Schenectady, would take Arms to a man, for the King, upon the least Encouragement, as well as those Inhabitants of the Mohock River, all whom are extremely Robust, & esteemed the best Militia (Canadians excepted) in N. America."

6. Because of many German and Scotch wandering in New York waiting to settle there.

7. Query. Whether some one should not be sent over to receive and report complaints from inhabitants.

8. The possession of it is necessary to open communication with Boston.

9. Shows its necessity for the sake of other provinces in their fishery and trade.

Not signed, but in the same hand as the body of Colonel Christie's letter of 31 July. 2¾ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Col. Christie 22 July, 1775. Reasons for taking immediate Possession of N. York.

MARIA ELIZA KENWARD to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, July 22. Saint Augustine.—Applies for assistance on behalf of her husband, storekeeper to the Ordnance of St. Augustine, who is ill through the intense heat of the climate here, and his affairs are so intricate that they do not allow of his leaving East Florida. Encloses copy of a letter written by Governor Tonyn on his behalf.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—M^rs Kenward S^t Augustine 1775.

Enclosure:—

GOVERNOR PATRICK TONYN to SIR GREGORY PAGE, Baronet.

1775, *April* 23.—*Reminding him of his duty as a wealthy relation to render assistance to M^r Kenward in this his time of need and whose character and reputation are warmly referred to.*

Copy in M^rs Kenward's hand. 2½ *folio pages.*

J[OHN] A[DAMS] to MRS. ABIGAIL ADAMS, Braintree.

1775, July 24. Philadelphia.—To the care of Colonel Warren, favoured by Mr. Hitchborne. The postscript of this letter is:—"I wish I had given you a complete history, from the beginning to the end of the journey, of the behaviour of my compatriots. No mortal tale could equal it. I will tell you in future, but you shall keep it a secret—the

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fidgets, the whims, the caprice, the vanity, the superstition, the irritability of some of us is——"

Copy. Intercepted. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from J. A. [John Adams] to Mrs Abigail Adams. Philadelphia, 24th July, 1775.

[JOHN ADAMS] to the HONOURABLE JAMES WARREN.

1775, July 24. Philadelphia.—Favoured by Mr. Hitchborne. "This letter was anonymous but written in the same hand as that to Abigail Adams."

Copy. Intercepted. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from . . . . . to the Honble James Warren Esqr at Watertown. Philadelphia, 24th July, 1775.

Note.—These two letters and that of Harrison of the 21st were published in various American newspapers. They are reprinted by Peter Force in his American Archives, Fourth Series, Vol. II., columns 1717 and 1697.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 24. Boston.—No. 35. Has received from his Lordship extracts of his correspondence with Governor Martin respecting supplies. Had already sent ammunition which it appears has never reached him, nor has the letter which accompanied it. Transmits address to the King from the Council of Massachusetts, also list of the members; notwithstanding insult and oppression they have remained loyal to Government. Informs of the death of Eliakim Hutchinson, Judge of the Inferior Court, and of Mr. Cotton, Deputy Marshal.

Copy. 2¾ *folio pages.* [The originals of this and the two following letters from General Gage are in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 130, fos. 435, 455 and 467.]

Endorsed:—Copy of Letter from Hon. Lieut Genl Gage, to the Earl of Dartmouth, dated Boston 24th July 1775.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 24. Boston.—Private. Lieutenant Colonel McLean is collecting a number of Highlanders from different provinces to form his corps. Observations on the corps of Lieutenant Colonel Gorham and Brigadier Ruggles. Difficulties of the King's friends owing to the want of cash and provisions, as the officer's bills are rejected and rebel privateers intercept their supplies. Proposes measures to suppress the rebellion. Lieutenant Colonel James delivers this dispatch with a drawing of this town and position of the two armies. Transmits copies of letters passed between Burgoyne and Lee which have been printed to reveal the true state of affairs to those who are being blinded by the leaders of the rebellion.

Copy. 3¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Honble Lt Genl Gage to the Earl of Dartmouth dated Boston 24th July 1775. *Private.*

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Lieutenant-General Thomas Gage to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, July 24. Boston.—*Separate.* Congress has taken the direction of the war upon itself. Washington and Lee have joined the Rebels near Boston. All supplies withheld from the British troops and friends of Government here, even fishing. The King's ships brought some relief. State of Fort William and Mary. Arrival of troops from Ireland. Disadvantageous situation of the King's troops in Boston. Is glad of the assistance of Major Generals Howe, Clinton and Burgoyne. Remarks on pamphlet published by the Continental Congress called "The Declaration of the United Colonies." Its contents replete with deceit and falsehood.

Copy. 3¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Hon^ble^ Lieu^t^ Gen^l^ Gage to the Earl of Dartmouth dated Boston 24^th^ of July 1775. (Separate) R/4^th^ Sept^r^ by Col. James.

Major-General John Burgoyne to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, July 26. Boston.—Private affairs of consequence require his presence in England. Feels himself a mere military cipher in his present post, and pleads, upon the most zealous motives, for some more active part in this great service. Submits a plan* to visit in the course of the autumn the different colonies and obtain their sentiments relative to an accommodation. Since he formed the plan a circumstance has happened which makes him think no admittance would be granted to him. "M^r^ Lee late a half pay major in the King's service, & whose character I am persuaded is well known to your Lordship, lived with me formerly upon the footing of friendship. This gentleman your Lordship will have heard has accepted from the general Congress a commission of Major General in what is called the army of the united provinces, and he is now acting in that capacity under General Washington the commander-in-chief. A few days after his arrival at the neighbouring Camp I received two letters from him one dated Philadelphia June 7^th^ for the delay of which he blames the person charged to convey it; the other dated July 5^th^ the day on which it came to my hands.

It was my intention to transmit to your Lordship extracts of these letters stript of all stuff which is calculated merely for the meridien of New England. But finding since that the first letter was printed & reprinted in all the American papers, & concluding that by the same pains to circulate it, it will appear in the English ones, I give you a copy entire, together with my answer which at the request of M^r^ Gage & the army has been printed likewise, tho', for my own sake I would rather have avoided that measure." His ultimate view was to try Lee in a private conference but the Provincial Congress forbade Lee meeting him Thus his scheme for the autumn fails. Presses his entreaties to return to England

Autograph letter signed. 8 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed on wrapper:—Gen^l^ Burgoyne.

Enclosures:—

1775. *June* 7. *Philadelphia.—Printed pamphlet entitled "A Letter from General Lee, to General Burgoyne, printed from*

* This plan is fully given in his letter to Lord North of 14 June—*see* the Marquis of Abergavenny's MSS. (52), Tenth Report, Appendix Part VI.

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Enclosures—cont.

the New York Gazetteer of July 6 to which is added, General Burgoyne's Answer, and A Copy of a Letter from General Lee, declining an Interview proposed by General Burgoyne. Boston; Printed and Sold at Draper's Printing-Office, in Newbury Street MDCCLXXV."

18 *octavo pages.*

1775, *July* 5. *Cambridge.—Extract of a letter from General Lee to General Burgoyne; not printed. Regrets that Carleton is persuading the Indians to fight against the Colonies. States what he considers will be the consequences of such an action, especially in the event of commercial advantages being offered to France and Spain, who would accept them. Advises him to take measures according to this information.*

1½ *quarto pages.*

Copy of the above letter with the second enclosure.

Endorsed:—Genl Burgoyne Boston, 26 July 1776 (*sic*) containing Hints relative to Lee's Information & Conduct, and desiring leave to return for the Winter.

G. Colman to General Lee.

1775, July 26. London.—Has duly honoured Lee's bills, but as the bonds are still in his (Lee's) hands will be glad of a line acknowledging that they are fully discharged. Commends Garton as an agent. Laments the daily news from America and hopes he will not take an active part in the rebellion.

Copy. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—London, July 26, 1775. Copy of a Letter from G. Colman, to General Lee.

Jonathan Garton to General Charles Lee.

1775, July 27. London.—Hopes soon to be able to sell the annuity. M[r] Atkinson has promised to grant the money if General Lee will draw upon him [Garton] for £3,000. Promises to honour all other bills drawn upon him.

Copy of another letter to General Lee follows, from John Evans, dated Great Russel Street 2 August, to the effect that he has accepted two bills of exchange drawn by General Lee on M[r] Garton in favour of Willing Morris and Company for £200 and £300 which when due are payable at Mess[rs] Drummonds.

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Endorsed:—London, July 27, 1775. Copy of a Letter from J. Garton —& London August 2, 1775. Copy of a Letter from J. Evans to General Charles Lee.

Georgia.

1775, July 27. Savannah.—Printed extract from the Minutes of the Council of Safety Georgia. Eight resolutions as to regulations of

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troops. Marked at the foot in Governor Sir James Wright's hand:—Received this Paper Monday the 21st of August.

1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Resolutions of Com. of Safety of Georgia, 1775. 27 July.

JAMES TILGHMAN to the RIGHT HONOURABLE LADY JULIANA PENN, Spring Garden, London.

1775, July 27. Philadelphia.—Congress is making expensive preparations for offensive and defensive operations. A large army is near Boston very eager for action and possessing many advantages over the King's forces. Condition of General Gage's army. Hopes the petition to the King will produce a parliamentary commission to some persons of weight to come over and treat with the Americans from personal knowledge of affairs. Stagnation of trade; hopes for improvement when they receive powers to grant lands.

Copy. Intercepted. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Phil[a] July 27, 1775. Copy of a Letter from M[r] Ja[s] Tilghman to Lady Juliana Penn.

AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

1775, July 28.—Paper in the hand of John Robinson, Secretary of the Treasury, headed "Minutes," and containing intelligence of American affairs obtained from Captain Breen or Been of the "Mary Ann" of New York. Gives names and particulars of vessels in Cape Nicola Mole, Hispaniola, in April last that were loading with military stores bound for America. Proceedings taken by Captain Been in consequence of this discovery. Captain Been informs of preparations being made on the lakes, and Provincials getting ready for the attack of Boston in the winter over the ice. Just before he left New York on 2 June a sloop arrived there with ammunition from Holland. Details of chase after her and her escape. Captain Been's quarrel with Shiers who seized the keys of the Custom House from the Collector. Force needed at New York to support friends to Government. Captain Henderson and Captain Young are buying up arms under false pretences. Captain Been is well known to Governor Tryon. Details of the rebellious proceedings of Lieutenant D. Campbell, Lieutenant Fleming, and Whittaker.

4½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Minutes—27[th] July 1775. *America*—

LETTER to INGHAM FOSTER [from his brother].

1775, July 29 and August 5. Philadelphia.—Transactions of Congress; Franklin and two others are appointed to conciliate the Indians by large presents, etc. Five thousand men are on their march for Ticonderoga to be under the command of General Schuyler, who will act according to the motions of the administration and the exigency of affairs here. General Gage is fortifying himself at Boston where the Americans have drawn a line of circumvallation round him, of near fourteen miles in extent. The whole continent is determined to fight for their liberties. Service allotted to the militia. Congress adjourned

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till 5th September next. Reasons for Congress addressing the people of Ireland. Details of a conversation between Generals Gage and Howe on the present critical state of affairs. Franklin has accepted the post of Postmaster General. (August 5.) Vessel delayed, so gives present situation of armies as gathered from letters received last night from Mifflin, Read and others dated at Cambridge Camp. Reported resignation of General Gage by a deserter, who states that it was given out he had handed over his military command to Genl. Howe and acted only as civil governor.

Copy. Intercepted. 7 folio pages.

Endorsed:—Philad^{a} July 29, 1775. Copy of a Letter not signed to Ingham Foster.

LORD TOWNSHEND to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, July 29. Rainham.—Regrets to hear Skene is in danger for want of stores. Congratulates him on the success of His Majesty's troops on the 17th June. Fears General Gage has much to do to establish himself in such healthy and commanding winter quarters as may maintain his forces in a respectable footing. "Your Lordship is the best Judge how practicable it may be to possess" Long Island, New York and some part of the province of Connecticut by embarkations from hence if such can be spared. Great reinforcements are probably moving to General Putnam. Stress of the war will lie on the Light Infantry; this kind of regiment raised more easily than any other. Captain Montressor in a letter to Lord Townshend complains of want of engineers. (Reason for desiring to see Captain Holland's map was only "to gratify my curiosity as to this cursed Height above Charles Town, which I was anxious about from y^{e} moment I heard the Rebells seized much artillery.")

Autograph letter signed. 4 quarto pages.

In wrapper endorsed:—Lord Townshend, 29th July, 1775. On the subject of Artillery for America.

H. BYRD to SIR JEFFERY AMHERST.

1775, July 30. Westover.—Impossible now to avoid a civil war. Has met with insults and given offence because of his refusal to command the army being raised by their Convention to oppose the King's troops. The Southern Colonists have been led to believe by false accounts that they are far superior to the power of Great Britain and by artful schemes have been deluded into rebellion. Requests he may not be considered one of the American traitors as he is ready to serve His Majesty and would be glad of an opportunity to convince the Virginians of their error and bring them back to loyalty and duty. Asks that an answer to this letter may be enclosed to General Gage and thence forwarded to him by water, if no ships are sent to this colony.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ quarto pages.

Endorsed on wrapper:—M^{r} Byrd to S^{r} Jeff. Amherst.

GOVERNOR LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 30. Charles Town.—No. 4. Arrival of packet. "In consequence of the directions I had before given to Capt. Thornborough he secured the Mail on board the King's Ship, & that night at 12 °Clock,

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I went on board with the Dep^{y} Post M. Gen^{l}, open'd my own dispatches, & have taken the best care I could of those belonging to the neighbouring Governors." Preparations to fortify the town. Encloses a "waspish" message addressed to him by the Assembly on his refusal to adjourn them. The Association has been refused by many through the influence of Colonel Fletchal. The rebels most indefatigable in their efforts; the late defection of Georgia "brought about entirely by the People here" was a matter of amazing triumph to them. Remarks thereon and desirability of recovering that unlucky stroke.

In Secretary Innes's hand, signed by Lord William Campbell. 3 folio pages.

Endorsed:—Charles Town, 30 July 1775. L^{d} W^{m} Campbell. (N^{o} 4.) R/ 23^{d} Sept. 1775. (1 Inclosure). Ent^{d}.

Enclosure:—

1775, *July* 24.—*Copy of a message from the South Carolina Assembly to Lord William Campbell expressing their objection to be styled the Lower House of Assembly—they prefer to be termed the General, or the Commons House of Assembly. With the Governor's reply. That he is too distressed just now to enter into disputes about mere words and that he therefore returns their message with the words they think exceptionable omitted.*

In Secretary Innes's hand, marked copy. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—for Lett^{r} N^{o} 4. Message from Assembly. Governor's Reply. In L^{d} W^{m} Campbells 30 July (N^{o} 4).

James Tilghman to William Baker.

1775, July 30. Philadelphia.—Advisability of settling a temporary line of jurisdiction to the westward owing to the arbitrary and violent proceedings of Lord Dunmore's officers. Has heard that Doctor Conelly (Lord Dunmore's chief instrument) is going to England with some Indian Chiefs of the Delaware tribe who seek for a confirmation of their lands. All things seem verging towards anarchy. Congress proceedings. Ammunition is being sent in by the French, Spaniards and Dutch. Hopes the petition from Congress to the King may have a salutary effect as he believes they only object to internal taxation. Interference with private as well as public correspondence.

Copy. Intercepted. 3 folio pages.

Endorsed:—Phil^{a} July 30, 1775. Copy of a Letter from M^{r} Ja^{s} Tilghman to W^{m} Baker Esq^{r}.

Lord Viscount Barrington to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, July 31. War Office.—Directions concerning the five regiments mentioned in the margin of his letter, to embark from Ireland for North America.

Copy. 1 folio page.

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Lord Visc^{t} Barrington to the Earl of Dartmouth dated 31 July 1775. R/ same Day.

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COLONEL G. CHRISTIE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 31. Leicester Square.—Believes he could be of great service to some General in America on account of his personal knowledge of that country from long service there. Asks to be appointed Quarter Master General to the Forces in North America. Enumerates his reasons for soliciting this favour.

Letter signed. 1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Col. Christie 31 July 1775, containing his Thoughts on carrying on the War in America.

[COLONEL G. CHRISTIE] to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 31.—Memorandum. "To the Papers given the 18th & 22nd Inst a few additional Remarks are humbly Suggested. Viz.:—1st. To Garrison Boston in the Winter will require no less than 6000 Men." It will probably undergo a blockade if not taken by assault. Proposes measures to be adopted with regard to removing the fleet from Boston and making a descent on New York. Ticonderoga should be recovered and preparations made for Canadian service next spring.

Not signed, but is in the same hand as the body of the foregoing letter. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Memorandum 31 July 1775.

CONGRESS.

1775, July 28 and 31 etc.—Paper containing extracts from the address of Congress to the people of Ireland, 28 July; from their Resolutions, 31 July, after the debate on the Resolution of the House of Commons the 20th February; and from their Declaration of the cause of taking up arms [6 July].

3 *pages.*

HENRY KELLY to MESSRS. KELLY and COMPANY.

1775, July 31. Chester Town.—"In America the order of Things seems to be inverted." Owing to present disturbances he would be happy to collect all that is due at the loss of 10 per cent. The measures of Government are exceedingly unfortunate and the error of their military proceedings patent to all. Thinks the troops will vacate Boston in the fall. Cannot think that General Gage has acted with the spirit becoming a commanding officer.

Extract. 1⅓ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Chester Town July 31, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Hy Kelly to Messrs Kelly & Co.

EDWARD STRATFORD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July 31. Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Ed. Stratford Esqr 31 July, 1775, offering to raise a Regt in the Service of Govt for America, upon certain Conditions.

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WILLING MORRIS & CO. to MESSRS. JOHN MOTTEUX & CO.

1775, July 31. Postscript August 3. Philadelphia.—"You'll have seen by our late Letters we could not execute the fresh Orders of any Your Foreign Correspondents." The restraining Act now prohibits them from sending produce to any foreign markets. "Our Exchange is at 150 p. c. so that if Wheat came down to their Limits of 5/ to 5/6 Nothing could be done." Both wheat and flour have fallen since the 20th. People preparing to sow another crop notwithstanding the dull prospect before them; they are cheerfully disposed to submit to their fate and are united in a determination to sacrifice all things to preserve the liberties of their country. "You will hear a great deal of what you call bad news from this country, but here it is thought differently of, and we hope will be the means of bringing about a reconciliation on honest and equitable principles."

Extract. Intercepted. 1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Philadelphia July 31, 1775. Extract of a Letter from Willing Morris & Co. to John Motteux Esq^r & Co.

HENRY CRUGER to JOHN CRUGER, New York.

1775, August 2. London.—"Dear Uncle, I hope this may find you in tollerable Health & Spirits, amidst the innumerable Troubles & Afflictions that beset you." Thinks the only way to make peace would be moderation, treaty, and a little concession on the part of the colonies. The King is said to be enraged at the defiance of the Congress. All is quiet here and likely to continue so in spite of the efforts of the merchants who will be ruined by the dispute. Private messages to friends.

Copy. Intercepted. 1⅞ *folio pages.*

HENRY CRUGER to JOHN HARRIS CRUGER.

1775, August 2. London.—Depression of his spirits. Apologies for neglect of correspondence with lady friends. "I would not, could not do a dishonourable thing, no not to possess the World's great mass of Vanity. I repeat I have twice as much in America as I am worth. Who then in such precarious circumstances would think of Matrimony?" This country enjoys the most perfect repose and were it not for the newspapers the people would hardly know there was a civil war in America. The administration are making tremendous proposals for next summer's campaign, which doubtless will be carried out unless America makes some concession.

Copy. Intercepted. 1¾ *folio pages.*

JOHN HARRIS CRUGER to MOSES FRANKS.

1775, August 2, preceded by a previous letter of 28 July. New York.—Has just received an imperfect account of the confusion and uproar in England in consequence of the battle of Lexington and Concord. Refers him to newspapers and the bearer of this, William Laight, for intelligence, as he can tell more than it is safe for friends to write. Both armies are now strongly entrenched and fortified and an

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attack from either side will be attended with sad consequences. The enthusiasm of the Americans increases.

Extract. Intercepted. 1¼ *folio pages.*

LORD DARTMOUTH to LIEUTENANT GENERAL THOMAS GAGE.

1775, August 2. Whitehall.—No. 22. Captain Chads arrived with his dispatch of 25 June giving an account of the action on the 17th. Remarks on the importance of this battle and communicates the King's grateful thanks to officers and men for their brave conduct under such disadvantageous circumstances, especially to Generals Howe and Clinton and to Colonel Pigot. Regrets their heavy losses. Requests him to make arrangements to return to England leaving General Howe in command. Mentions six enclosures.

Copy. 4⅓ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the Hon^ble^ Lieu^t^ General Gage. Dated Whitehall, 2 Aug^t^ 1775. (N° 22).

Enclosures:—

LORD DARTMOUTH to GOVERNOR SIR GUY CARLETON.

1775, *August* 2. *Whitehall.—N° 23. Although Ticonderoga has been lost, trusts the measures decided on will have a good effect and inspire confidence. His Majesty hopes to have an army of* 20,000 *men in North America next spring. Leave granted to General Gage to return to England; command of the Army in the Colonies on the Atlantic in his absence to devolve upon Howe; but if in the course of the service the two armies should be joined the command of the whole would be with Carleton as the senior officer. Money about to be sent out, with additional supply of arms &c. and presents for the Indians.*

Copy. 3 *folio pages.* [*Draft of this letter is in the Public Record Office, Colonial Correspondence, Quebec, Vol.* 11, *fo.* 61.]

*Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov^r^ Carleton dated Whitehall 2^d^ Aug^t^* 1775. *By the Lizard Cap^t^ Hamilton.*

LORD DARTMOUTH to MAJOR GENERAL HOWE.

1775, *August* 2. *Whitehall.—Sending commission to act as Commander in Chief of the Colonies on the Atlantic Ocean, during General Gage's absence in England, the like commission being sent to General Carleton to command the forces in Canada.*

Copy. 2 *folio pages.* [*The duplicate signed letter is in the Royal Institution, American Manuscripts, Vol.* 2, *No.* 1.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Major Gen^l^ Howe, dated 2^d^ August 1775.

1775, *August* 2. *St. James's.—Copy of the Commissions from the King to Major General Howe and Sir Guy Carleton.*

6¾ *folio pages.*

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LORD DARTMOUTH to LIEUTENANT-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE.

1775, August 2. Whitehall.—No. 23. In consequence of a letter from the Secretary at War, requests him to give orders for the disembarkation and disposal of the troops mentioned in that letter.

Copy. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the Hon^ble^ Lieu^t^ Gen^l^ Gage dated 2^d^ of August 1775. (N° 23.)

LORD DARTMOUTH to LIEUTENANT-GENERAL THOMAS GAGE.

1775, August 2. Whitehall.—Acquainting him of the augmentation of various regiments and the embarkation of others for America. "The steps which you say the rebels have taken for calling in the assistance of the Indians leave no room to hesitate upon the propriety of your pursuing the same measure." Encloses a letter to Colonel Johnson on the subject. Discusses various questions and propositions with regard to the method of pursuing the war.

Copy. 6 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Separate Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the Hon^ble^ Lieu^t^ General Gage. Dated Whitehall 2^d^ August 1775. (Separate.)

Enclosure:—

LORD DARTMOUTH to COLONEL GUY JOHNSON.

1775, *July* 24. *Whitehall.—As intelligence has been received that the rebels have excited the Indians to assist them, there is all the more urgent need to take such steps as may induce them to engage in His Majesty's service under such plan as shall be suggested to Colonel Johnson by General Gage to whom this letter is sent accompanied with a large assortment of presents for this object. As the matter is of great importance he requests him to use the utmost diligence and activity therein, but must leave details to his judgment.*

Copy. 1¾ *folio pages.* [*Draft of this letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol.* 279, *fo.* 247.]

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Colonel Guy Johnson dated Whitehall 24th July 1775.

LORD DARTMOUTH to GOVERNOR FRANCIS LEGGE.

1775, August 2. Whitehall.—No. 18. The King approves of his conduct in requiring all persons coming from the New England colonies to take the oaths of allegiance to the King before being allowed to carry on the fishery. Desires him to do the same with regard to distressed persons seeking grants of land gratuitously at his hand.

Duplicate letter signed. 1⅓ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Earl of Dartmouth's Letter 2^d^ August 1775. No. 18. (Duplicate.)

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LORD DUNMORE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, August 2. "Otter" Sloop of War in Elizabeth River, Virginia. —Arrival of troops from St. Augustine, also dispatches from Governor Tonyn for his Lordship, which are very important.

Extract. 1¼ *folio pages.* [The duplicate signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 213, fo. 459.]

J. INGERSOLL to JONATHAN INGERSOLL, New Haven.

1775, August 2. London.—Is now suffering under the most humiliating news of a defeat of the Provincials by the King's troops. Supposes defeat is owing to the King's troops being better officered and more amply furnished with every implement of destruction used in war. Is eager to hear of some success over General Gage's army that may retrieve the late disgrace. Mentions what is reported to be the King's intentions for the future. Remarks on the commercial relations between England and America. Assures him America has no auxiliaries to depend upon. Has heard with delight of the bravery of the Americans in the late action.

Copy. Intercepted. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—London, Aug^{t} 2, 1775. Copy of a Letter from J. Ingersoll to Jon^{n} Ingersoll Esq^{r}.

WILLIAM STRAHAN to BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

1775, August 2. London.—Has heard with regret of the late battle at Boston as it widens the breach and renders all hope of reconciliation more difficult and distant. A civil war has commenced in earnest. Wishes some means could be found to stop it and settle differences without shedding more blood. Requests him to do his utmost towards this end. Great preparations being made here to furnish more troops and ships to America, and he thinks that country will have a hard time in seeking to overcome the same; victory on either side will be dearly bought. Hopes the address which Congress proposes to lay before the King will be worded in proper terms and that in next October he will come over with equitable proposals and be the means of restoring peace and unanimity to British subjects everywhere.

Copy. Intercepted. 3¾ *folio pages.*

JOSEPH SWIFT to MESSRS. JOHN AND ROBERT BARCLAY.

1775, August 2. Philadelphia.—Hopes that the claim which America makes, when rightly understood by the people of England, will be thought reasonable upon constitutional principles and the Parliament's right to tax America be given up. Is convinced that Great Britain will be the loser by the contest. Sends an order for goods to be sent if differences are settled.

Copy. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

ROBERT WATTS to The Honourable JOHN WATTS.

1775, August 2. New York.—Addressed to the care of Mr. Moses Franks. Has been impatiently expecting to hear of his arrival, but the June packet has not yet been seen. No fresh occurrence to report in

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the situation or politics of the town. The contractors must themselves do all that is necessary to supply provisions and money to the eastward.

Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

JOHN POWNALL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 3. Secretary's Office.—"Our Shop to-day has received only the usual Communication from the Post Office & a private Letter to you from Charles Town of the 10 of June." Has written to Lords Townshend and Barrington in consequence of his Lordship's commands of yesterday. Major Maxwell is mortified and disappointed, offering to give up his majority. Is going to dine with the Virginia merchants. Fears for Ingersoll's fate if the original of his letter was at hand.

Autograph letter signed. 2¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Pownall 3 Aug.—75.

WILLING MORRIS and Co. to MESSRS. ERRECARTE DEL RIO and Co.

1775, August 3. Philadelphia.—"The 'Myrtilla,' Captain Caton, is now loading pretty briskly" with flour for Corunna, to be landed and reshipped at Falmouth, and will be dispatched as soon as possible. All exports have been stopped in Virginia except tobacco, but Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York will remain open until the 10th September. The ship will be recommended to George Casker Fox at Falmouth to assist the Captain there and all necessary instructions can be sent to him.

Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

POST OFFICE INTERCEPTIONS.

Wrapper endorsed as follows:—"August 3d 1775. From Mr Todd (private & most secret). ½ pt 11. A.M. [and, in the King's hand] 20m pt 2 P.M." The following copies of intercepted letters were within this wrapper. G. Colman to General Lee 26 July; Jonathan Garton to General Lee 27 July and John Evans to General Lee 2 August; Henry Cruger to John Cruger; Henry Cruger to John H. Cruger; William Strahan to Doctor Franklin; J. Ingersoll to Jonathan Ingersoll all of 2 August 1775.

JOHN GRAY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 4. 7, Orange Street, Leicester Fields.—Offers his Lordship a pamphlet; has marked in the margin the parts that tend to make his reasoning more full and conclusive. "I have endeavoured to overturn the doctrine about Free Gifts; & from the authentic documents of history, hitherto grossly overlooked by our historians, to establish the maxim that Public Supplies are *necessary duties*. I flatter myself I have put the case of Wales, of Chester, & of the Netherlands, so often absurdly appealed to, in quite a new light; and also the case of Ireland, which has hitherto been the great stumbling block in the argument with the Colonies." . . . . "It has ever been my system to make the Colonies feel *la puissance foudroyant* of Parliament by Political acts,

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which would have brought them upon their knees without a single soldier; & I still think that Government can act most powerfully by that Engine. The Colonies are vainly presumptuous of their own resources, therefore it will be in the highest degree mortifying & humiliating to them to feel" that such can vanish at the command of England. Suggests that premiums be given in every county to the farmers who should sow the greatest quantity of wheat. (Denies the assertion that the colonists can better afford to lose 20 men than we can, & thinks it would have a good effect if a gratification were given to every survivor of the regiment that first entered the entrenchments at Bunker's Hill.) Remarks on the Declaratory Act and further refers his Lordship to his pamphlet. (This pamphlet is not now with the letter.)

Autograph letter signed. 7½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—J. Gray. Aug. 4, 1775, respecting the Settlement of our Disputes with the Colonies.

J. Ingersall [Ingersoll] to Jared Ingersall.

1775, August 5. Philadelphia.—The miniature picture is still on board ship, and the trunk which contains it must undergo the examination of the Committee of Inspection before he can have it. Times have become so critical that both of them must be careful what they write.

Copy. Intercepted. ⅓ *folio page.*

William Knox to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, August 5. Whitehall.—"My dear Lord, Some accounts have been received of *your Lordships Friends in Watling Street* which shew them to be persons deserving attention. We are promised particulars Tomorrow and when they are received they will be forwarded to your Lordship by a Messenger. There appears to be an intercourse of a nature which ought to be prevented, but I see no way of doing it without a Proclamation declaring the Rebellion." The Article from Philadelphia in the newspaper herewith transmitted has been received by Mr. Blackburn and other American merchants from private correspondents and so considered authentic. He agrees with the 1st proposition thereof respecting trade with America. The only letters for Lord Dartmouth from America are from Governor Wentworth at Fort William.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Knox. 5 Aug. —75.

The Reverend Robert Boucher Nickolls to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, August 5. London.—Relates his distresses and losses in America during the rebellion, on account of his loyalty. Would be glad of some appointment in Ireland.

Autograph letter signed. 3¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—The Revd Mr Nickolls 5 Aug. 1775 soliciting some Provision in the Church.

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SIR JAMES ADOLPHUS OUGHTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 5. Caroline Park.—Laments the loss of Abercrombie as he was a gallant good officer and a zealous steady friend. Denounces the conduct of the rebels and justifies that of Britain towards them. Future prospects very gloomy but justice authorises and necessity requires present measures. Suggests that if officers were not distinguished by their dress, some of their lives might be spared. Is glad to hear the Canadians are in motion, hopes they will be engaged as regulars in the King's service. Considers Lord Dunmore can ill be spared from his province just now. Would much like a visit from him [Lord Dartmouth].

Autograph letter signed. 3 quarto pages.

Endorsed(with another):—S[r] Ad. Oughton Aug. 5 & 24, 1775.

JOHN POWNALL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 5. Whitehall.—Considers Ingersoll's letter and that of Lee's correspondent deserve attention; thinks the original of the former should be detained and the latter narrowly watched. "The Lodgers at the Hotel in Watling Street have been watched & pumped by a discreet & proper person employed by Lord Rochford, they prove to be as stated in the Letter you left with me, ffrench officers from the West Indies, by the way of North America; they do not conceal that they have been in Putnam's Camp, but they speak of him and his troops in a most despicable Light, and say that but for their advice they would have made an Attempt that would have ruined them. If this be true I don't think we are much obliged to the Gentlemen. They further say that there is at least 200 able Officers & Engineers of all countrys now here endeavouring to get passages to North America. A few days ago the Society at the Hotel was increased by the addition of a french officer from France, who got out of his Chaise at Westminster Bridge took a Hackney Coach, and went both to the Spanish and ffrench Embassadours—in a few days we shall probably know more and be able to judge what is fit to be done." M[r] Pownall thinks a Proclamation for suppressing the Rebellion ought to be issued soon.

Autograph letter signed. 4 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—M[r] Pownall 5 Aug—75.

WILLIAM PIERIE, 1st Lieutenant Royal Regiment of Artillery, to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, August 5. No. 4, Little Titchfield Street, Cavendish Square, London.—Considers from long experience and acquaintance with America he could be of good service there. His plans, drawings and mode of operations of and for that country have been seen and approved of by Colonel Phillips, his talents are known to Lord Townshend and General Harvey and he is no stranger to Generals Gage and Howe. Has written a similar letter to Lord North.

Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Lieut[t] Pierie 5 Aug. 1775, desiring to serve as an Engineer in America.

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GEORGE BRYAN to HUGH WILLIAMSON, M.D.

1775, August 6. Philadelphia.—M^r Cox is returned from the Temple having left London on the 8th June but brought no intelligence from there. General Gage and his brother officers muster about 7000 men. Most of the wounded at Bunker's Hill have since died from sickness owing to want of suitable provisions. No attempt being made to break through their blockaders round Boston. Preparations made by their foes to prevent the Regulars taking any neighbouring island. Proceedings of both parties in Canada. A sloop of war the "Nautilus" is at Newcastle but the Captain needs help before he dare provoke hostilities. A good supply of gunpowder has arrived, and more is expected. Reported differences between General Gage, the Admiral and other officers.

Copy. Intercepted. 2¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Philadelphia, Aug^t 6, 1775. Copy of a Letter from George Bryan to D^r Hugh Williamson.

STEPHEN CERONIO to MESSRS. MARSH REEVE and Co.

1775, August 6. Philadelphia.—The restraining Act of Parliament took place on the 20th of last July and now they can only ship to England, Ireland and the West Indies until the 10th September next, when Congress will totally stop such exportation. Wishes for a solid and undisturbed peace. An excellent harvest gathered in, but regrets Britain cannot share it.

Copy. Intercepted. ¾ *folio page.*

J. G. to THOMAS CHARLES WILLIAMS.

1775, August 6. New York.—Addressed to the care of Messrs Williams Teb and Williams, London. The spirit of liberty is spreading, even the Germans have caught it. Philadelphia is perfecting in the military art and life and property are freely sacrificed. The only hope of reconciliation is from the strong disposition on Britain's part to heal the differences. No account from England since 1 June. Abraham Van Vleek has imprudently been concerned in shipping provisions to Nantucket contrary to the recommendation of Congress; he has published a most humiliating handbill and offered to give sloop and cargo to the poor to pass himself unmolested. Implores him to write nothing he would not like all the world to read.

Extract. Intercepted. 1½ *folio pages.*

IS. FOSTER to MAJOR ROBERT ROGERS.

1775, August 8. Clifford's Inn.—Communication between Carver and M^r Whitworth, the former expects to be appointed Superintendent of Indian affairs through the interest of the latter. Advises him to be careful in his letters to Whitworth, Carver and Dacosta for some things look suspicious in their affairs. Has tried to obtain from Atherton Captain Abbot's address but without success. "Whenever Atherton mentions your name it is with the greatest Disrespect & contempt." Carver and Dacosta have finished a new plan of Boston at the request of Whitworth. If any doubt exists of going upon the

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intended expedition, begs to be recommended to Mr Mitchell, Secretary of the East India Company, for an employment in that service.

Copy. Intercepted. 1¾ *folio pages.*

In wrapper marked "Secret from Mr T——d [Todd]."

WILLIAM MOLLESON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 10. America Square.—"This day, for the first time, I received a Letter from a Member of the Congress,";—This letter is written cautiously but gives assurances that something will be offered by Congress to bring about peace and harmony between the two countries and in the meantime prevent the further effusion of blood. Is unacquainted with the nature of these proposals but hopes they will be such as Britain can accept.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Wm Molleson Esqr 10 Aug. 1775.

JOHN MOORE to MESSRS. DAVIS STRACHAN AND CO.

1775, August 10. New York—"I must be so candid, Gentlemen, as to tell you that this Bill of £400 inclosed is nearly my All." The miserable situation of the country compels him to commit to their hands as a place of safety this little pittance for further exigencies, as it is the means of support for a family which may soon be helpless.

Extract. Intercepted. ⅔ *folio page.*

CHRISTOPHER STARBUCK AND CO. to GEORGE HAYLEY.

1775, August 10. Nantucket.—Recommends William Vassal as a man of honour and integrity and well acquainted with all public affairs in this country as well as the distressed state of this island.

Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

R. GORDON to [ ].

1775, August 12. Corke.—From intercourse with people from America and letters received from others, gives what he considers the exact state of affairs in that country, particularly at Boston on the 14th July, adding details of Bunker's Hill and the movements of both armies since that action, also why the troops are in need of provisions.

Copy. 4¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Gordon, Corke, 12 Augst 1775. Intelligence from America.

CAPTAIN E. LE CRAS to MR. LE CRAS, Merchant, London.

1775, August 13. Boston.—Is in a great hurry having received orders to go to Halifax to stop his leaks. Laments the deplorable state of affairs. Fears the rebels are beforehand with them in military preparations. Sickness and famine reducing their army; he personally is better off, and will take care to lay in a stock at Halifax in case of emergency. The rebels have many privateers at sea and have taken a Government schooner the "Diligent." Considers it will be hard work

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to conquer them by military force, suggests it could be easier done by leaving them to themselves and cutting off their trade from every place.
Extract. Intercepted. 2½ *folio pages.*

A. Pepperrell to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, August 13. Boston.—Doubts not he has received dispatches acquainting of the unhappy situation of General Gage and his army shut up in Boston, and surrounded by 20,000 rebels who are devastating with fire and sword the lives and property of all who oppose their measures. Sir William's property and his own have both been seized by them and devoted to their own use. It is believed that the town cannot be held much longer without more troops, as the army is much reduced by sickness. His personal discomfort from want of suitable food in the long and fatiguing passage of ten weeks without vegetables.
Autograph letter signed. 5 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—A. Pepperell Esq^{r} 13 Augst 1775.

Walter Barrell to Joseph Green.

1775, August 14. Boston.—Addressed to the care of Messrs. Champion, Dickason and Company, Merchants in London. Has been in a very disagreeable state of frequent alarms in the night since his last. Relates some of the foolish proceedings of the rebels, especially in regard to setting fire to the Light-house. Has taken measures to preserve Green's house from destruction. Refers to two letters from John Adams to J. Warren and Mrs. Adams showing the desire of the Americans to be independent. Considering the uncertainty of war and the enthusiasm of the rebels, he questions whether Great Britain will overcome them either now or at all.
Extract. Intercepted. 2½ *folio pages.*

Maryland.

1775, July 26 to August 14.—Proceedings "At a meeting of the Delegates appointed by the several counties of the province of Maryland, at the city of Annapolis, on Wednesday the 26th of July 1775, and continued till the 14th day of August, in the same year.
Printed. 3½ *large pages.*
Endorsed:—Maryland Association 1775.

John Pownall to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, August 15. Whitehall.—Has not yet heard anything more of Mr. Penn or of the petition he is said to bring. Is anxious to see this petition as he is much worried about the proclamation which he wished pos poned till his Lordship's return to town, but Lord North desired to see the draft thereof to send to the Attorney and Solicitor General for revision, so sent it to Mr. Robinson who to-day returns it with the enclosed note. Intends giving the note and proclamation to Lord Suffolk to-morrow and proposing that publication thereof should be deferred until Mr. Penn's petition has been seen.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—M^{r} Pownall 15 Aug. —75.

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Enclosure:—

The Attorney General [EDWARD THURLOW] to JOHN ROBINSON.

[1775, *August* 13]. *Sunday morning.—Agrees with the measure proposed in the proclamation and sees no objection to its publication.*

Copy. 1 *quarto page.*

TIMOTHY NEWMARCH to GOVERNOR TRAPAUD.

1775, August 17. St. John's near Montreal.—They are now employed in fortifying this place, it is the Key of Canada, the enemy sometimes comes near them, but he does not think they will have sufficient courage to attack them. They (he and others) are building two schooners and a row galley, and when these are completed there will be an expedition up the Lake.

Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

R. ROSS to ROBERT WOODGATE, Golden Square.

1775, August 17. Camp on the Heights of Charles Town.—Hopes the vacancies which have happened both in America and at home will entitle him to full pay as a Captain. Thinks England will never settle the war by pursuing the present measures, but by withdrawing her troops and stopping trade they (the Americans) might be reduced to reason and be glad to accept any terms offered them.

Extract. Intercepted. 1¼ *folio pages.*

T. WALKER to LIEUTENANT BEAZLEY, Dover.

1775, August 17. "Somerset" at Boston.—The English army is so reduced by sickness that it is unable to force and penetrate into the country where the enemy is well fortified in great numbers. Is glad of the opportunity of going to Halifax as much suffering is experienced at Boston from starvation and neglect. States the consequences he fears will result from present measures, and remarks on the disposition of the Americans.

Extract. Intercepted. 2¼ *folio pages.*

GOVERNOR LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, August 19, Charles Town.—No. 5. "We are now in such a situation I cannot attempt to send duplicates of my last letters, as I must be under the necessity of letting this Mail take its chance in a *defenceless* Packet Boat, for I cannot in our present State send the poor solitary, worm eaten Sloop we have got here, out of the Harbour, *as I may* now expect the next packet every day, & I am still in hopes of hearing from *Gen*^{l} *Gage*, and *the Admiral* soon. Your Lordship will I am afraid imagine I dwell too much, & too warmly on the wretched state we are left in here, but my zeal for the King's Service my thorough conviction of the ill consequences that has attended the total neglect of this Province, as well as Georgia, & N. Carolina, will not suffer me to remain silent. Since my arrival here, I have seen Georgia a Province

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at present, of the last consequence to the W. India Islands, warp'd from its duty by a very insignificant internal faction, aided by the people in this Province. The friends of Goverment here have been so sunk, so abandon'd to despair, for some time, that it is hardly possible to make them believe the British Nation is determined to assert their just rights over the Colonies, & it is to very little purpose I mention the great force to the Northward, when it is not in my power to produce a single line from either of the Commanders in that part of America, to enable me to contradict the numberless falsehoods which are every day propagated, & which does more mischief than I can express. This is a very disagreable subject for me to dwell on, but my Duty requires I should represent the true state of this Province, and of my unfortunate Vicinage of N. Carolina, & Georgia, which is equally neglected, equally abandon'd. Your Lordship will I am sure excuse my warmth when I acquaint you, that yesterday under colour of Law, they hanged & burned, an unfortunate wretch, a Free Negroe of considerable property, one of the most valuable, & useful men in his way, in the Province, on suspicion of instigating an Insurrection, for which I am convinced there was not the least ground. I could not save him My Lord! the very reflection Harrows my Soul! I have only the comfort to think I left no means untried to preserve him. They have now dipt their hands in Blood, God Almighty knows where it will end, but I am determined to remain till the last extremity in hopes to promote the King's Service, 'tho my familys being here, adds not a little to my distress. Another Act of Barbarity, tho happily not of so tragical a Nature was committed a few days ago, on a poor man the Gunner of Fort Johnson, who for expressing his Loyalty was tarr'd, & feather'd 10 or 12 times, in different parts of the Town, & otherwise treated with great cruelty, stopping him at the doors of those Crown Officers who were most obnoxious; & the Mob so grossly insulted M^{r} Milligen in particular who is Surgeon to the Forts, & Garrisons in this Province, that he was under a necessity of taking refuge on board the King's Ship till the Packet Boat sails. I intend committing this Packet to the care of M^{r} Milligen who I hope will have the honor of delivering it to Your Lordship. I beg leave to introduce him as a most honourable, worthy man, who has lived many years in this Province beloved, and respected by all ranks, till his Zeal for the King's service in these unhappy times, made him obnoxious to the Mob. This Gentleman is perfectly acquainted with the state of the Province, & I can assure Your Lordship you may put entire confidence in his Honor & Veracity. I enclose with this a Letter I rec^{d} from Coll. Fletchal with my answer: sorry am I to find myself unable to protect, or assist the King's Loyal Subjects here, it is a cruel mortification. I also send my answer to an Address from a society of Quakers, in the back part of the Country; they consist of about 300 family's, & are warmly attached to Goverment. Your Lordship will likewise receive a Copy of an Oath tender'd to all those who refused to sign the Association, my own private Secretary not excepted, & a message I sent to the Assembly some days ago, with their answer, all which will plainly convince Your Lordship on what ticklish Ground we stand here. The Armed Vessel that was fitted out from this Port has seized a quantity of powder, part of it the property of His Maj^{y} on board a Ship lying off Augustine Bar in E. Florida, & carried it to Beaufort in this Province. Last sunday 30 of the Militia of this Town were sent to convey it here, & I am told that by one means or other, they have amass'd great quantities of warlike stores, ammunition particularly, which they can easily do, as there is no force by Sea, or Land to prevent them, & they allow Rice to be

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exported on no other terms, but paying in Arms, & Ammunition. The new raised Troops which are quarter'd in the Barracks may be near 800 consisting of Vagabonds & Thieves of all Countries, & the Charles Town Militia may be pretty near the same number. The Regt of Horse was to be raised in the back Country; but I am told the levies there have been much check'd by Fletchal, Robinson, & one Cunningham, mention'd by Coll. Fletchal in his letter, who is a very active man, & remarkably spirited. Mr Milligan will give Your Lordship a very particular account of these matters that have fallen within his knowledge, as he is sensible, and intelligent. As the fate of the Crown Officers is not determined by the Commte, if Mr Innes is forced from me, which I will endeavor by all means to prevent, he has offer'd at any risk, to endeavor an escape into the back Country, join Col Fletchal & endeavor to maintain his ground at Fort Charlotte, in concert with Mr Cameron the Depy Superintendent, but I will not now think of that Scheme. I have the Honor to be with the most perfect Regard, My Lord Your Lordship's most Obliged & most Obedt Hble Servt William Campbell.

" N.B.—I shall encourage the King's faithful Subjects as much as is in my power I can do no more. Some expence may be incurr'd by my Orders to Coll. Fletchal, I have no power to do it, but I cannot hesitate at such a juncture."

In the hand of Secretary Innes, signed by Lord William Campbell. 4 *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Charles Town. So Carolina 19th August 1775, Lord Willm Campbell, (No 5). R/ 30th Septr. By Mr Milligen. (6 Inclosures.) Entd.

Enclosures:—

COLONEL THOMAS FLETCHALL to LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

1775, *July* 19. *Ninety-six District, Fairforest.—Per Major Joseph Robinson. Assures him of the loyalty of about* 4,000 *in that district. Seizure of stores at Fort Charlotte by James Mason, John Caldwell and others on behalf of Congress. Subsequent capture of these men and said stores by some of the King's troops. Desirability of protecting the frontiers from incursions of the enemy and Indians.*

Autograph letter signed. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—[by Secretary Innes] for Letter No 5, *No* 1—*Coll. Fletchal's Letter.* [*And, in another hand*] (1) *In Lord Wm Campbell's of* 19th *August* 1775.

LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL to COLONEL THOMAS FLETCHALL.

1775, *August* 1. *Charles Town.—Sends thanks to those who recaptured the stores and rebels at Fort Charlotte. Authorises him to fortify that place by his own and Colonel Neale's regiments. Regrets he cannot send further support. Desires Mr Cameron Deputy Superintendent to assist him. Implores him to avoid giving offence and to do his utmost to preserve peace in his district.*

Copy in Innes's hand. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—[by Secretary Innes] for Letter No 5 *No* 2. *Governor's Answer to Coll. Fletchal's Letter.* [*And, in*

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Enclosures—cont.

another hand] *In L^d W^m Campbell's of* 19^th^ *Augus.* 1775.

LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL to the QUAKERS in the back country.

Answer to an address. Is pleased to receive assurances of their loyalty which he will represent to the King and endeavour to preserve to them their privileges.

Copy in the hand of Secretary Innes. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—[*by Secretary Innes, for Lett^r N^o* 5 *N^o* 3.—*Governors Answer to a Address sent from the Quakers in the back Country.* [*And, in another hand*] *In Lord W^m Campbell's of* 19^th^ *August* 1775.

LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL to the COMMONS HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

1775, *August* 15. *Charles Town.—Message. Has been the spectator of outrages he little expected to have seen in this place. Refers to the Association and oath offered to officers of the Crown for signature. Deplores the cruelties practised in the town. Asks for their assistance in preserving order and enforcing the laws to ensure safety to property and lives.*

In Secretary Innes's hand. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—[*by Secretary Innes*] *for Lett^r N^o* 5. *N^o* 5.—*Governor's Message to the Assembly.* [*And, in another hand*] *In Lord W^m Campbell's of* 19^th^ *August* 1775.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

1775, *August* 15.—*Copy of the Oath tendered to those persons who have not signed the Association.*

In Secretary Innes's hand. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—[*by Secretary Innes*] *for Lett^r N^o* 5. *N^o* 4. *Oath tender'd to those who had refused to sign the Association.* [*And, in another hand*] *In Lord W^m Campbell's of* 19^th^ *August* 1775.

COMMONS HOUSE of ASSEMBLY. Answer to the GOVERNOR.

1775, *August* 18.—*Signed by Rawlins Lowndes, Speaker. Justifying the inhabitants of the colony for the measures taken to preserve their liberties in consequence of the oppression of the Ministry. They confess that the circumstances of last Saturday of which his Excellency so pathetically complains, amounted to an outrage but consider the punishment to the offender was not more severe than that often inflicted by the English on petty offenders. Will endeavour to promote his Lordship's personal safety.*

Original. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—*for Letter N^o* 5. *N^o* 6 *Assembly's Ans^r to the Governor's Message.* [*And, in another hand*] *In Lord W^m Campbell's of* 19^th^ *August* 1775.

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL THOMAS GAGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, August 19. Boston.—Would be glad if circumstances would permit of Colonel Grant's speedy return to Great Britain. Recommends the bearer Mr. Sewall, Attorney General of this Province, who has given him much assistance since his arrival here.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Gen. Gage, Aug. 19th 1775, rec. Mr Sewall.

JO. IRVING to SIR GEORGE COLLIER.

1775, August 20. "Somerset" at Boston.—"This Town still remains block'd up by Fifty Thousand Rebels who have fortifyed every Emminence near this Town, & for twenty Miles round it." "The Rebels in forty Whale Boats with 500 Men have burnt Cape Ann Light House as also Boston Light House, where they took a Party of 30 Marines and killed their officer . . . . Captain Linsey of the Falcon has miscarried in two Skirmishes," the one at Dartmouth near Rhode Island, the other at Cape Ann. Is in hopes of being ordered home though at present the ship is under orders to sail for Halifax. Privations of the troops; ten transports arrived with provisions. List of ships left at Boston. Advantages that would accrue to the English if they could possess Rhode Island Harbour and the town of Providence.

Copy. Intercepted. 3¾ *folio pages.*

— GRAVES* to THOMAS GRAVES at Thaneke, near Plymouth.

1775, August 21. "Preston."—"I take this opportunity of writing to you by a Transport which carries home Mrs. Gage." Regrets to state that he fears the two commands do not draw together as well as is desirable for the sake of the service. Thinks his uncle pays too much attention to a parcel of sycophants, who are constantly about him; "Old Hartwell" and Le Cras have too much ear of him. His uncle is also in disrepute with the army. There has been a disagreeable affair between the Admiral and Mr. Halowell, Commissioner of Customs, which was tried by court-martial, the sentence being "An error in judgment for disobedience of orders and neglect of duty."

Copy. Intercepted. 1¾ *folio pages.*

* The "Preston" had as 1st and 2nd lieutenants at this time Samuel and John Graves.

CHEVALIER DE MAROLLES DE LUCÉ to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 21. Paris.—Desiring to go to America.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *large folio page. French.*

Endorsed:—M. de Marolles de Lucie, Paris 21 Augst 1775. Soliciting a Commission in the British Artillery.

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RICHARD PENN and [ARTHUR] LEE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, August 21. No. 2, Garden Court, Middle Temple.—Enclose copy of "an humble and earnest petition" from the Congress to the King. Propose to wait on his Lordship on Wednesday next with the original for his Lordship to present to His Majesty.

Original in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Mr Penn & Mr Lee 21st August 1775. With Petition from the Congress.

Enclosure:—

CONGRESS to the KING.

Petition. Representing that the union between the mother country and the colonies has been broken by a system of statutes and regulations made by His Majesty's ministers and enforced by hostile measures, and beseeching him to interpose with his royal authority and influence to procure them relief from that system and to direct some mode by which the applications of his faithful colonists may be improved into a happy and permanent reconciliation.

Copy. 7¼ *quarto pages.* [*The original signed petition, delivered to Lord Dartmouth on the* 1*st September, is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol.* 279, *fo.* 251.]

JOHN POWNALL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, August 21.—Affairs in America appear to be as bad as possible. Has received a report of the defeat of the rebels on 14 July, but the enclosed copy of a letter from Corke seems to refute the intelligence. No news yet of Mr. Penn or his petition.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Pownall 21 Aug. 1775.

FRANCIS STUART to THOMAS CHEAP, Bedford Row.

1775, August 21. Quebec.—The evil influence over the Canadians of some villains here disaffected to Government. Need of re-inforcement of troops and of examples to be made of those who oppose Government. A Highland Volunteer Regiment is being raised to serve during the present disturbances. Fifteen hundred Indians are anxious to go down upon the Bostonian Rebels, but are forbidden. Considers the Americans deserve no clemency as they are more savage than the Indians. Wishes lenient measures had never been adopted towards them.

Extract. Intercepted. 2½ *folio pages.*

DAVID BARCLAY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, 8th mo: (August) 23d. Youngsbury, near Ware.—From a persuasion that Lord Dartmouth will not think it impertinent, is

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induced to intimate various opinions concerning the reception of the petition and the consequences that will result therefrom. He has received information on good authority that the Petition from the Congress was carried through by those who are heartily and most zealously inclined for conciliation, and every expression which could be considered exceptionable was studiously avoided. Others think it too humiliating. It is feared that if it meets with the same reception as former applications for redress, the effects will be to inflame the minds of those who yet remain moderate and make the breach irreparable. "They say, they have been told from high Authority, that if their Assemblies would petition separately, all their *real* Grievances should be redressed; but they say also, that from Authority nearly equal, they have been inform'd their Cause is prejudged, by calling their Greivances *pretended* & not *real*. They think from the Reception of the New York Memorial there is no disposition, on this Side, for Reconciliation, & if my Information is well grounded, which I have reason to believe it is, Nothing can exceed their Firmness and Unanimity; nor any thing be more affecting than the present Prospect." Dr. Smith's sermon shews the temper of the times and that it is not Dissenters only who are warm in the cause. Nothing but an anxious concern for the re-establishment of peace and tranquillity would have induced him to trouble Lord Dartmouth.

Autograph letter signed. 2¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Barclay, 23^d^ of August, 1775. On the Petition from the Congress and American Affairs.

American Anecdotes.

1775, August 23.—Nine remarks showing his sentiments on the American war. What ought to have been done and what can yet be done to subdue the rebellion. "Copies of this may be taken and used as accords the Author requests that the Original be shewen to no person whoever"

Original. Signed J. M. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—American Anecdotes. Aug^st^ 177o.

John Pownall to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, August 23.—"My Lord, I know of nothing at present, but this hitherto invisible Petition, that can or ought to prevent you in any plan you may wish to pursue." Has heard that this petition is in the hands of Messrs. Burke, Lee and Bollan to whom the Congress consigned it, so expects his Lordship will be required in London in a day or two. Sends another draft of the proclamation showing the alterations it has undergone; it is supposed to pass the Council today. Transmits two letters for his signing.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Pownall 23 Aug. —75.

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GAVIN COCHRANE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 24. Duke's Court, St. Martin's Lane.—"My Lord, Dining yesterday at A friends, there happened to be there a half pay Officer who had lately come from America; he had been prisoner with the Rebels At Crown Point, had made his escape And got to Canada, from whence he came home." This officer's name is Lieutenant Grant of the 42d Regiment and he will introduce him to his Lordship if desired.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Cochrane 24 Aug. 1775, with Information of the Rebels' Proceedings at Lake Champlain.

LORD DARTMOUTH to RICHARD PENN and ARTHUR LEE.

1775, August 24. Sl.*—Has just received by post their note of the 21st instant which would have been sent to him by express if it had been known at his office that they had any commands for him. Will return to London in a day or two, and will not fail to inform them of his arrival.

Autograph, rough draft. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a note to Mr Penn & Mr Lee, Sandll 24 Aug. 1775.

* Sandwell, his Lordship's seat near Birmingham.

SIR JAMES ADOLPHUS OUGHTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 24. Caroline Park.—"Am heartily glad that the Eyes of People begin to be open'd, and their Spirits roused. Nothing but the most wilfull and obstinate Blindness can prevent their seeing that the two Actions near Boston were the consequences of a long premeditated, regular, and well laid Plan; nor need any General, whom I have the Honour of knowing, be ashamed either of the Dispositions for Battle, or Blockade of the Town; which appear to me Masterly. Those who believe them to be the result of chance or hasty Resolutions are capable of believing anything.) We hear much talk of conciliatory Proposals from the Congress, and Suspensions of Arms. The one must be fallacious, the other pernicious to the last degree: the Purport of both to gain time. The Congress I see have assumed the Republican Title; and, I doubt not, are pretty far advanced in their Plan of Government; the Winter may ripen it into a consistancy not easily to be dissolved. Their Army want to get in their Harvist, sow their Grounds, and prepare for the next campaign. Treating with Rebels, while they have Arms in their Hands, would demonstrate a Weakness in Government which no Victory could compensate for. If they are sincere let them lay down their Arms, and implore Pardon: if they refuse to do that they mean to deceive; and, though they may pretend to disclaim Independancy, they assume it in the strongest Manner, if they expect to treat upon equal Terms with a Sovereign against whom they are in actual Rebellion and a Nation whose Power and Authority they absolutely disclaim. No Terms which do not

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establish their Independance will be adhered to longer than suits their present necessities; and we shall find them much more formidable when we are next obliged to enter the Lists with them. At present we have it in our Power to reduce them by dint of Distress, and nothing else will make them submit."

Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

LORD TOWNSHEND to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 24. Rainham.—A Norwich manufacturer has refused an order for a large exportation of goods to Norfolk, Virginia, as he was too busy with demands from Germany. Capture by the Americans of a ship from London laden with stores. "Our" ordnance ship has put into Portsmouth where it is hoped she has escaped the storm and found convoy.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ quarto pages.

Endorsed:—L^d^ Townshend 24 Aug. 1775, relative to a large Demand of Manufactures for Exportation from Norwich.

THOMAS JEFFERSON to [ ].

1775, August 25. Monticello.—"Dear Sir, I received your message by mr. Braxton & immediately gave him an order on the Treasurer for the money, which the Treasurer assured me should be answered on his return. I now send the bearer for the violin & such musick appurtaining to her as may be of no use to the young ladies. I believe you had no case to her, if so, be so good as to direct Watt Lenox to get from Prentis's some bags or other coarse woollen to wrap her in, & then to pack her securely in a wooden box.

I am sorry the situation of our country should render it not eligible to you to remain longer in it. I hope the returning wisdom of Great Britain will e'er long put an end to this unnatural contest. there may be people to whose tempers & dispositions Contention may be pleasing, & who may therefore wish a continuance of confusion, but to me it is of all states, but one, the most horrid my first wish is a restoration of our just rights; my second a return of the happy period when, consistently with duty, I may withdraw myself totally from the public stage & pass the rest of my days in domestic ease & tranquillity, banishing every desire of afterwards ever hearing what passes in the world, perhaps ardour for the latter may add considerably to the warmth of the former wish. looking with fondness towards a reconciliation with Great Britain, I cannot help hoping you may be able to contribute towards expediting this good work. I think it must be evident to yourself that the ministry have been deceived by their officers on this side the water who (for what purposes I cannot tell) have constantly represented the American opposition as that of a small faction; in which the body of the people took little part. this you can inform them of your own knolege to be untrue. they have taken it into their heads too that we are cowards & shall surrender at discretion to an armed force. the past & future operations of the war must confirm & undeceive them on that head. I wish they were thoroughly & minutely acquainted with every circumstance relative to America as it exists in truth. I am

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persuaded this would go far towards disposing them to reconciliation. even those in parliament who are called friends to America seem to know nothing of our real determinations. I observe they pronounced in the last parliament that the Congress of 1774 did not mean to insist vigorously on the terms they held out, but kept something in reserve to give up; & in fact that they would give up everything but the article of taxation. now the truth is far from this, as I can affirm, & put my honor to the assertion; & their continuance in this error may perhaps have very ill consequences. the Congress stated the lowest terms they thought possible to be accepted in order to convince the world they were not unreasonable. they gave up the monopoly & regulation of trade, & all the acts of parliament prior to 1764, leaving to British generosity to render these at some future time as easy to America as the interest of Britain would admit, but this was before blood was spilt. I cannot affirm, but have reason to think, these terms would not now be accepted. I wish no false sense of honor, no ignorance of our real intentions, no vain hope that partial concessions of right will be accepted may induce the ministry to trifle with accomodation till it shall be put even out of our own power ever to accomodate. if indeed Great Britain, disjoined from her colonies, be a match for the most potent nations of Europe with the colonies thrown into their scale, they may go on securely. but if they are not assured of this, it would be certainly unwise, by trying the event of another campaign, to risque our accepting a foreign aid which perhaps may not be obtainable but on a condition of everlasting avulsion from Great Britain. this would be thought a hard condition to those who still wish for reunion with their parent country. I am sincerely one of those, & would rather be in dependance on Great Britain, properly limited, than on any nation upon earth, or than on no nation. but I am one of those too who rather than submit to the right of legislating for us assumed by the British parliament, & which late experience has shewn they will so cruelly exercise, would lend my hand to sink the whole island in the ocean.

If undeceiving the minister as to matters of fact may change his dispositions, it will perhaps be in your power by assisting to do this, to render service to the whole empire, at the most critical time certainly that it has ever seen. whether Britain shall continue the head of the greatest empire on earth, or shall return to her original station in the political scale of Europe depends perhaps on the resolutions of the succeeding winter. god send they may be wise & salutary for us all!

I shall be glad to hear from you as often as you may be disposed to think of things here. you may be at liberty I expect to communicate some things consistently with your honor & the duties you will owe to a protecting nation. such a communication among individuals may be mutually beneficial to the contending parties. on this or any future occasion if I affirm to you any facts, your knolege of me will enable you to decide on their credibility; if I hazard opinions on the dispositions of men, or other speculative points, you can only know they are my opinions. My best wishes for your felicity attend you wherever you go, & believe me to be assuredly Your friend & servt.

P.S. my collection of classics & of books of parliamentary learning particularly is not so complete as I could wish. as you are going to the land of literature & of books you may be willing to dispose of some of yours here & replace them there in better editions. I should be willing to treat on this head with any body you may think proper to empower for that purpose."

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Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.* [Reproduced in B. F. Stevens's Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America.]

Note.—Thomas Jefferson, as delegate from Virginia, had taken his seat in Congress on the 21st June previous. In the following year he was one of the committee who drew up the Declaration of Independence. Minister at Paris, 1784; President of the United States, 1801.

Sir James Adolphus Oughton to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775. August 25. Caroline Park.—Sees with regret the obstinacy with which the Bostonians persist in refusing obedience to the British Legislature but sees at the same time the absolute necessity for persevering in those judicious measures which have been adopted to bring them to a sense of their duty. The smallest relaxation would now be fatal. Their spirits are kept up at present by their factious leaders and preachers, by the seditious papers and hopes of a change of measures "which our Opposition here flatters them with at the opening of a new Parliament. That they not only aspire at Independency, but flatter themselves with the Hopes of a Separate Sovereignty, has been long known, nor have they scrupled to avoid it. . . It is to our interest to nip those hopes in the bud; sensible men however fond of the idea must see the Absurdity of it, and that their Utopian State can never exist but in the interior wilds of that vast continent, while Britain is Master of the Fleet." Returns thanks for his interposition with Lord North "in behalf of our Chapple"; had mentioned in a former letter that the sum required for purchasing a pew in perpetuity and filling it up properly was £200; encloses receipt for whatever his L^{dp} may be so good as to bestow.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—S^{r} Adolphus Oughton 12 Aug. 1774 (*sic*). Sentiments on America &c.

Paul Wentworth to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, August 25. Poland Street.—He has authentic information that the adherents of Breakenridge and Hawley were actors in the seizure of Ticonderoga &c. He holds such conduct in detestation and though he was disposed to solicit their relief from the oppressive New York government he can no longer take any measures for their protection and wishes to withdraw all papers sent to the Board on their behalf.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Wentworth 25th August, 1775, respecting the People on the Back of N. Hampshire assisting the Rebels in the Seizure of Ticonderago.

William Tongue.

1775, August 29. No. 49 Prescott Street, Goodmansfields, London.—Memorial. That in the year 1759 the subscriber left England for New York, with a considerable cargo of merchandize. Recounts the

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losses he sustained in the opposition to the Stamp Act, and his different movements. Is author of "the Times delineated" said to be annexed [not here]. Necessity for his quitting the province to avoid being embroiled in the rebellion. His arrival at Georgia. Note received from the "Friends of America" there requesting his departure in seven days. Desires employment in the service of Government.

Original, signed. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed:—W^m^ Tongue's Memorial, R/ 29^th^ August 1775, (with 3 Inclosures).

Enclosure:—

1775, *June* 7, 10 *and* 11. *Savannah in Georgia.—Paper containing depositions and information dated* 7 *June against Joseph Habersham and others "The Friends of America in Georgia" for ordering Mess^rs^ Tongue, Law, White and Gumersall to quit the province in seven days or abide by the consequences. There is a copy of a Warrant issued by Anthony Stokes, Chief Justice* 10 *June against the said Habersham, and a request by William Tongue to waive the prosecution. To the whole is given a signed and sealed certificate by the Chief Justice dated* 11 *June.*

Certified copies. 13½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—With M^r^ Tongue's Memorial of 29^th^ *August* 1775. (3) *d^r^*

Lieutenant D'Auvergne to Captain Phipps.

1775, August 30. "Asia." New York.—"Captain Wallace who commands at Rhode Island has detected some Letters from the Congress to General Washington and others." These letters show that Congress is aiming at total Independence from Great Britain and John Adams asks for assistance in certain measures to be undertaken by him in establishing a new Government. Express received from Boston where all was then quiet.

Extract. Intercepted. ⅔ *folio page.*

Mrs. Wilkins to her husband Isaac Wilkins.

1775, August 30. Castle Hill.—"Colonel Lewis Morris is gone to the Ohio with Doctor Franklin & some other gentlemen of the Congress to try if they cannot prevail with the Indians to stand neuter in this unhappy dispute; he came to see me before he went & to assure me he was not the Author of the Humbug that drove you to England, as it is said he was."

Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

Governor Lord William Campbell to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, August 31. Charlestown.—Abstract of his letter No. 6. The situation and disposition of the province of S. Carolina.

4 *folio pages.* [The original signed letter with enclosures is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 229, fo. 445.]

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Enclosures:—

1775, *August* 17. *Charles Town.—Report of the Judges and Attorney General of South Carolina—Thomas Knox Gordon, Edward Savage, William Gregory, and James Simpson—on the case of Jerry, a free negro, under sentence of death. Addressed to Governor Lord William Campbell.*

Copy. 3¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Report of the Judges in the Case of Jerry, a free Negro, condemned in So. Carolina, In Lord W^m Campbell's (N^o 6) of 31^st August 1775.

1775, *June* 16. *South Carolina, Charles Town District.—Evidence given upon the trial of Jerry before John Coram, Justice of the Peace. This Jerry was executed on the charge of instigating an insurrection amongst the slaves.*

Copy. 1¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of the Evidence given upon the Trial of Jerry (a free Negro) and referred to in the Report of the Judges & Atty. Genl. In Lord W^m Campbell's (N^o 6) of 31^st August 1775.

JOHN EWING to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, August 31. No. 25, Ludgate Street.—Rejoices in the interest taken by His Majesty in the arts and sciences, especially astronomy. Suggests that astronomical observations could be more effectually and speedily accomplished by another Observatory at Philadelphia.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev. M^r Ewing 31 Aug. 1775.

[GOVERNOR FRANCIS LEGGE] to LIEUTENANT GENERAL THOMAS GAGE.

1775, August 31. Halifax.—

Two copies not signed. 3¾ *and* 4 *folio pages* respectively. [The autograph signed letter is amongst the MSS. of Lord Dartmouth already reported upon. Eleventh Report, Appendix, Part V, p. 385.]

GOVERNOR JOSIAH MARTIN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, August 31. "Cruizer" Sloop of War in Cape Fear River, North Carolina.—Private. Introducing the bearer Mr. Robert Hogg, a merchant of first consideration in the colony who has been compelled by popular clamour exercised towards him on account of his loyalty to leave the country. Recommends him as well fitted to represent to his Lordship the true state of this colony.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Gov^r Martin, Aug 31, 1775, recom. M^r Hogg.

PROCLAMATION.

N. D. [1775, August.]—George III. Draft of Proclamation for suppressing Rebellion and Sedition.

2¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—D^ft *of Proclamation.*

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Information obtained from two French Officers.

[1775, August.]--Paper not signed, dated nor addressed. Endorsed "Intelligence." "What I have been able to collect from the two French Officers by employing every art and all the Address I am Master of, amounts to what follows:—

"1st. That they have been over great part of the American Continent, particularly at Philadelphia, at New York, Rhode Island, and New England, which with their stay in and about Boston, would have required more time to perform than the three Months they say they remained in America.

"2d. That they are particularly acquainted with Putnam and Ward. —the first they represent to be a good natured Civil and brave old Soldier—but a head strong, ignorant and stupid General—Ward they hold indeed very cheap.

"That they were both in person at the Affair of Lexington, and from circumstances they cited, I am induced to think that they were present at the Affair of the 17th.

"4. That they were courted by the Rebels to stay amongst them, and were offered forty Pounds p Month each, of pay—they say they did not think such Offers solid, nor did they like the paper Currency.

"5. That there are at least 200 french amongst the Troops of the Rebels, who acted as Artillerists and Engineers, which numbers may be augmented since they came away.

"6. That the Rebel Officers in general are perfectly ignorant of their business, and they esteem them men of very moderate, or rather mean parts,—but the private men are well trained to the handling of Arms, and remarkably well armed, particularly in the Articles of Firelocks and Bayonets.

"7. That they saw the Fortifications on the Posts of Roxbury and Cambridge and also the Park of Artillery the Rebels have in the neighbourhood of the last place consisting of Canons, Mortars and Howitzers, concerning the quality of which they do not agree—Le Comte de Beauvouloir says,—they are equal in quality and Bore to those employed in Europe, and he only found them defective in the Article of the Carriages, which he said are of a bad Construction.—his friend the Engineer (whom I heard called Le Chevr d'Ambroise) held the Artillery rather cheap in general, but perticularly the Mortars which are small.—they both agreed that the Rebels were in want of Ammunition, particularly of powder, and insinuated that they might be greatly distressed by being Canonaded from Posts well chosen and properly fortified.

"8. That during their stay in America, Seven french Ships, masked under English Colours came into different ports with Ammunition &c. and that these Ships would have risked an Engagement rather than Submit to be visited by a small Ship of War, had they been met by one.

"9. That the Americans expected French and Spanish Officers and Engineers, also Powder &c. to be carried over from time to time in small numbers and small quantities, not only by Ships directly from England & our West Indies, but by French and Spanish Ships from their Islands, such Ships to appear to be American property, and to be manned chiefly with American Sailors, that the European Courts may not be detected, should such Ships be taken.

"10. That the common people in America have been worked up to

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a pitch of enthusiastick phrensy that is beyond conception, and such was their Confidence (when they came away) that they were convinced His Majesty's Troops would be entirely defeated, and driven on board the Ships in less than two Months, and indeed the Rebel Chiefs employed every Art to keep up their Spirit and enforce such Ideas, some of which they themselves were witness to, such as making their own people put on English Regimentals and come into the Camp in the Character of Officers and Soldiers deserting from His Majesty's Troops, and one Man personated a Member of Parliament.—but that the Chiefs begun to despond, and to reflect on the Consequences of their Rebellion, which in time might drive them to call in foreign Succours, which is the situation France and Spain look out for.

"11. Lastly, that it appears to them both, the Americans had no settled, regular, well digested plan, that there exists among their Chiefs more Jealousy than unanimity: that many of the Settlers, and mostly all the Commercial people of Substance, begun to be tired of the present situation, and that they (the two french Officers) thought it probable Government would fall on Methods to disunite them, which if employed with success, would necessarily facilitate a reconciliation.

"By stimulating the pride of Monsieur Le Comte de Beauvouloir in the moment that some Vin de Champagne produced the desired effect on his prudence, he told me that he had had two Audiences of Le Comte de Guines; that his Excellency had made him great offers of Service and had asked him twice to dinner, which for particular Reasons he had not profited of, but that his Brother (the Gentleman who lost his trunk and who returned to France on Saterday) dined with the Ambassador on Thursday, which prevented his dining with me, and being of the party to Greenwich. My Opinion is that the two french Officers are at this Instant in the Service of the Rebel Americans, and are paid by them; that they came over either with proposals to the Courts of France and Spain, or some other Commission in the American Interests, and that they intend to return to their Employers by means of some English Ship. They hinted to me that they were not alone of their kind in London. They mentioned a Spanish Officer in the Sea Service, who speaks English very well, and who Lodges at Lime House, and as we passed the Frigates and Transport Ships fitting out at Deptford, they told me they were intended for America, and appeared well informed of every particular relative to the affairs of America."

4⅔ *folio pages.* [The original of this, marked "Rec^{d} 6th August" is in the Public Record Office, America and West Indies, Vol. 670, fo. 35.]

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas James.

N. D. [1775, August.]—Paper headed "Lieutenant Colonel James's Observations upon the present State of Affairs at Boston, and the absolute necessity of sending out immediately Troops, Ships of War, Sailors &ca. &ca. &ca. as undermentioned." "To bring this Rebellion to a happy Issue, the British Army must consist of 30,000 *Effective Men*, at least."

Not signed. 7½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Col. James's Propositions for reducing the Rebels.

[Governor Legge] to [ ].

N. D. [1775, August].—Letter not signed nor addressed, but in Gov. Legge's hand, beginning "Sir Your letter of the 3^{d} Instant is

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now before me, and I observe the Steps you have taken, on an Apprehension, that the parts around Windsor were in danger, from the Rebels at Machious." Commends caution in real danger but warns him against false alarms which are spread to disturb His Majesty's subjects. Militia will be ready for defence and he will do all in his power for the protection and safety of every good subject.

1 *quarto page.*

[Lord Dartmouth] to Sir Stanier Porten.

1775, September 2. Whitehall.—"Having received repeated Information, that a traitorous Correspondence is suspected to be carried on with the Rebels in North America, by Letters conveyed thither in American Ships clearing out in Ballast from the different ports in this Kingdom" he sends a list of ships and suspected persons. Three letters which he also encloses were brought to him last night by the brother of Dorrett whose name is mentioned in the Information, and which he told him had been left at Princes Street Coffee House since the examination of Mrs. Leslie. The originals have been returned to Dorrett with directions to watch the person who may come to the Coffee House for them.

Draft. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Dra^{t} to Sir Stanier Porten. 2^{d} September 1775./. (seperate).

Wrapper endorsed:—2^{d} Sept^{r} 1775. Dra^{ts} (secret Intelligence) ½ p^{t} M [and, in the King's hand] $\frac{m}{5}$ p^{t} 4 P.M.

Enclosures:—

List of Ships and suspected persons on board destined for America. The list of ships begins with the "Neptune" Captain Collins, Philadelphia, the others are the "Fame," "Beaufort," and "Robert," and the names of suspected persons are Edward Searle, Major Wrixon, Captain Devereux, Captain Crawford and three foreigners supposed to be officers and Germans. These men are known to be disaffected to the Government and suspected of dangerous designs and are probably the bearers of letters.

M.S. Probably Copy. ¾ *folio page.*

Minutes of Information given by M^{r} Taitt. "M^{r} Taitt, an eminent Upholsterer in New Street Hanover Square, called this Morning, August 30th, upon M^{r} Pownall, and acquainted him, that a Friend of his (M^{r} Taitt's) had revealed to him a very extraordinary Circumstance of publick Intelligence." Alex. Dorrett is acquainted with M^{rs} Leslie of a Coffee House Leicester Fields who knew the Pretender and states that he is in Engl^{d} and that she has had an interview with him. Information respecting letters at her house. Account of interview held with Dorrett and M^{rs} Leslie at Lord Dartmouth's office on 31 *August.*

10 *folio pages.*

1775, *August* 8.—*Letter signed T. W. addressed to C. W. J. at Princes Street Coffee House, Princes Street, Leicester Fields.*

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Enclosures—cont.

As yet they have had no foreign letters but hope by the conveyance of their Friend in Milford Haven they will receive proper Instructions. The movements of His Highness are known only to Mrs Leslie.

Copy. Intercepted. 1⅓ *folio pages.*

Letter from Simon Dalton to C. W. J. "*Sir I shall be glad to know your Orders as to what comes from Milford Haven.*" *Hamilton wrote that Brown will have all ready in five Days. Hopes that things will be as faithfully obeyed in the other quarter as they are in this. Desires him to ask His Highness the particulars of their orders.*

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1775, *August* 18.—*Letter from N. B. to Mr Statuvell* (*qy. Hatwell*) *to the care of Mrs Leslie.* "*Dear Friend I received yours and I make no doubt of the Widows punctuality, its only your fears that makes you apprehend the Seal being cracked is only your anxiety.*" *Is now at the D. of N's who assures him the money is at a moment's warning and if his Highness had received the intelligence once of the landing at Milford Haven, the day will be their own. Has received a letter from D. of Q. and proposes her taking a house in the country. All is going on according to their wishes and she states* "*that George looks very sour mouthed especially at his regiments.*"

Copy. Intercepted. 1⅓ *folio pages.*

LORD DARTMOUTH to SIR STANIER PORTEN.

1775, September 2. Whitehall.—Since his separate letters of this morning, he has again seen Dorrett, who says Mrs. Leslie has told him that the person who calls for letters left in her care has carried them to a coffee house or hotel somewhere near Bow Church.

Draft. ¾ *page.*

RICHARD FORD and COMPANY to WALTER FRANKLIN, New York.

1775, September 2. London.—"We are sorry to see your Americans go from one state of Madness to another." They are taking great pains to destroy themselves, for such must result from their present conduct. The partner of their firm has been appointed British Consul at Bama. Notwithstanding the restrictions laid upon their commerce, any ship dispatched from New York to Falmouth for orders may proceed afterwards with her cargo to any European port.

Extract. Intercepted. ⅔ *folio page.* In a wrapper marked—Secret from Mr T—d [Todd].

PRINCE DE MASSERANO to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 2. Great George Street.—Thanks him for a copy of orders sent to the Governor of West Florida respecting the Indians

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settled on Spanish territories. Will inform his court of his Lordship's endeavours to preserve harmony between the subjects of the two nations.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 *quarto page.* *French.* [A copy of this letter is in the archives at Alcalá de Henáres.]

Endorsed:—Le Prince de Masserano 2 Sep. 1775.

The Reverend George Panton to the Reverend Doctor Chandler.

1775, September 2. Trenton.—The people in general are beginning to think more seriously of the probable consequence of the dispute, but there is no relaxation in military preparations and the same unanimity prevails. He supposes England knows that the country is entirely out of her hands, and that no civil officer can exert any power unless directed by Congress.

Extract. Intercepted. ¾ *folio page.* [This, with other intercepted letters in this month, was found in a wrapper marked—Communications from M^r^ Todd Oct. 11.]

P[aul] W[entworth] to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, September 2. Saturday.

Autograph letter not signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ P. W—th Sep^r^ 1775, proposing that the Lands West of Connecticut River may be declared extra-provincial. Ex.

Moses Franks to John Harris Cruger.

1775, September 4. Teddington.—Is uncertain how long communication will be allowed them. Has noted well his letter of 5 July on business in general, yet finds remittances come from Philadelphia, Virginia and even Boston, so hopes New York will not stand alone in forbearance. "What has private Faith, Credit, and confidential Trust to do with the publick Disagreement?" Asks him to apply this thought to someone whose name he will not mention as he knows all letters are opened. Private affairs. Has recently seen Mr. Penn with the petition from Congress.

Copy. Intercepted. 1⅛ *folio pages.* [This, with the following and several other intercepted letters in this month, was found in a wrapper marked—Secret from M^r^ T—d.]

Moses Franks to the Honourable Oliver de Lancey, New York.

1775, September 4. Teddington.—"I wish I could tell you anything agreable from this Side relative to the unhappy Differences between this Country and yours." Fears little more is left than a communication of good wishes as no proclamation can impede such or offence be taken from them. Government regrets "that there ever existed Spirits discordant enough to seek importance in confusion."

Extract. Intercepted. ⅜ *folio page.*

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A. Pepperrell to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, September 4. Portsmouth.—Gives an account of the examination to which he was subjected on his arrival at Portsmouth and he is now confined in the town till matters are more settled. Disturbed state of the country, especially at Boston and Portsmouth. Could live peaceably here if he acted as deceitfully as some others do. Desires some appointment.

Autograph letter signed. 8 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A. Pepperell Esq^{r} 4 Sep^{r} 1775.

J. Robertson to Isaac Wilkins.

1775, September 4. Wt. Chester.—"My Friend S—y spent the Afternoon with me last Saturday, but seemed plaguily down in the Mouth." He fears lest the Provincial troops should make a conquest of all Canada where General Carleton is but weak in numbers. General Montgomery is gone from Ticonderoga with 2,400 men to attack St. Johns and is to be re-inforced with others. Schuyler is at Ticonderoga and two battalions of York soldiers have gone up commanded by Major Ritzmore and Major Zedwitz.

Extract. Intercepted. ¾ *folio page.*

[ ] to the Reverend Doctor Myles Cooper or to Isaac Wilkins.

1775, September 4.—The writer wishes he were with them in England. Persecution of the Tories in America. Has heard that the Lord Mayor of London had obliged the King to declare that no more troops should be sent there, wishes none had been sent unless with a better commander. Presbyterians in New York petitioned for a charter and G——r has favoured their request. Seabury does not write, as it would be prejudicial to him if it were known he kept up correspondence with such Tories. Has advised him to follow Auch——y's (Auchmuty's) example. Fears if some severe check is not soon given, officers of the Crown and friends of Government will be seized as hostages and afterwards either accommodation with Great Britain be settled or Independency proclaimed. Would like to know what they can expect from England so as personally to act accordingly.

Copy. Intercepted. 4⅞ *folio pages.*

Gilbert Barkly to William Strahan.

1775, September 5. Philadelphia.—"The Situation of Affairs in this Country is in the same inflamed manner it has been for some time past." The King's troops continue at Boston and the Provincials are strongly encamped near. It is expected they will keep on the defensive in hopes of some success attending the last petition to the King. Is well acquainted with many of the provincial members of the Congress and has assisted in composing the petition and if commissioners are appointed to settle differences hopes to be of further service. Asks that the enclosed may be forwarded to Grey Cooper.

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JOHN POWNALL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 5.—Signifying the King's approval of the orders contained in the draft of a letter to General Howe. Lieutenant-Colonel James who delivered a dispatch from General Gage, left Boston on 30 July when the Rebels were collecting their whole force and he thinks they mean an attack on Boston, which the Generals were preparing to prevent. "Disease has I find long prevailed in our Camp and desertion the Consequence of despair had begun to take place." Apologises for opening the private letter from General Burgoyne.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Pownall, Sept. 1775, relative to Dispatches recd from Boston, &c.

JOSHUA STEELE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 5. Margaret Street, Cavendish Square.—The enclosed plan has long been the subject of his thoughts as he foresaw the tempest. Had sounded some of the American Agents on the practicability of such a mode of Government eleven years ago and believes it would still be received with cordial sincerity. Assures his Lordship he is no less actuated by the Amor Patriæ, than by the concern he is under for his West Indian property which suffers from loss of the American markets.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Steele, 5th Sept. 1775. With a Speculation for a new Constitution.

Enclosure:—

Plan for a new Constitution for America. In Steele's hand. Believes the present differences have arisen from the various constructions put upon the word Constitution. Traces its meaning from their history, and views it in various positions and at different periods. Propositions for the future government of America.

8 *quarto pages.*

WALTER and THOMAS BUCHANAN and Co. to GEORGE and JOHN BUCHANAN, Glasgow.

1775, September 6. New York.—The Snow "Peggy" is not arrived. They are informed she has goods for Georgia but expect she will not be allowed to land them as that state has come into the association of the rest of the provinces. Dreadful consequences will ensue if conciliatory measures are not soon agreed upon. Earnest wishes for a speedy reconciliation.

Extract. Intercepted. ¾ *folio page.*

T. B. CHANDLER to the REVEREND MR. INGLIS, New York.

1775, September 6. London.—No prospect of change of measures here. Stocks in a flourishing state and manufacturers fully employed. The newspapers abound with the most indecent reflexions upon Government and the grossest misrepresentations of facts. Shows how

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both sides have been deceived by false accounts. Thinks, now that things are better understood, it is time to negotiate. If no accommodation is made, more vigorous measures will be taken to reduce the Colonies as he has been assured that fifty millions of money can be raised to carry on the war if necessary.

Extract. Intercepted. 2¼ *folio pages.*

JOHN COXE to JAMES BOGLE FRENCH, Swithins Lane, London.

1775, September 6. Philadelphia.—This port will be shut up on the 10th of this month and the merchants are preparing to leave the harbour. The people are in good spirits and soldiers to a man, they are taking precautions to save the city, which is difficult to be got at, and will soon be out of the reach of a British Navy.

Copy. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

WILLIAM DONALDSON to PETER N. B. LIVINGSTON, New York.

1775, September 6. London.—He fears, by their having red wax over the black wafer, that his letters of 23 June have been opened ere they reached him. Is concerned at the present critical and alarming situation. Private intercourse is rendered precarious by such conduct as above and a proclamation which has lately been issued here.

Extract. Intercepted. ¾ *folio page.*

JACOB FRANKS to MOSES LEVY, Newport, Rhode Island.

1775, September 6. London.—The circumstances of the times and the late proclamation forbid his sending money to America; will therefore keep it for Levy's disposal unless he desires to put it into hands less scrupulous.

Extract. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

ALEXANDER GILLON to EDWARD VAN HARTHALS.

1775, September 6. New York.—The Continental Congress which was to meet again yesterday will doubtless continue their spirited opposition tho' ready to accept any tolerable proposals. Wishes peace and prosperity might again be restored then England will feel the benefits of American trade. Sets out for Philadelphia to-morrow and hopes to go to Carolina the 15th of next month.

Extract. Intercepted. ¾ *folio page.* [This and the three foregoing were originally within wrappers marked as having been received from M^r^ Todd, Secretary to the Post Office.]

VICE-ADMIRAL GRAVES to PHILIP STEPHENS.

1775, September 6. Boston.—"Lieut. Grant's Letters contain very long Accounts of the People of Georgia's Proceedings in sending Delegates to the Congress, tumultuously assembling in the Cause of Liberty, threatening those who do not join them, and even vowing to destroy the St. John Schooner. But we are so accustomed to this Language and Treatment, that I will not trouble you with the relation of what Mr. Grant experienced at Savannah."

Extract. ½ *folio page.* [The signed letter is in the Public Record Office, series Admirals Despatches, North America, Vol. 6.]

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WILLIAM STRAHAN to DOCTOR BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

1775, September 6. London.—Regrets to hear matters are thought to have gone too far for an accommodation and that things tend towards a separation. Consequences of such to America. Considers she will suffer more in a few years of contest than the amount of all the taxes the British Parliament would have imposed on her for a century. Has read the last petition to the King; it appears to be written in loose terms and after he (Franklin) was convinced that words and arguments were of no use. Thinks America has more reason to dread being enslaved by some of her own citizens than by the British Senate and that the contest will greatly endanger these very liberties they have taken up arms to defend.

Extract. Intercepted. (From Mr Todd.) 1½ *folio pages.*

GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 6. New York.—Private. Introduces Captain Foy, representing his persecution by the malignity of the times. Estimated strength of Provincials at Ticonderoga and reported future movements. Five hundred Indians have been at Albany to receive the presents sent them by the Continental Congress, it is thought they will preserve a neutrality. Guy Johnson forced to flee to Canada and Franklin rumoured as successor. Colonel Lewis Morris is gone to Pittsburgh to engage the Indians there. The enclosed letter he received from a person of credit, and has "communicated the contents to Governor Franklin and principal crown officers, which has embarrassed many in their resolutions."

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Govr Tryon 6 Septr 1775.

Enclosure:—

1775, *August* 22. *Rhode Island.—Copy of a letter addressed to Governor Tryon. "You have doubtless heard ere now that the Continental Congress have agreed to secure all the Crown officers and friends to Government." These are to be held as hostages for the redemption of such of the Provincial officers as may be taken by the King's troops. Refers him to Captain Montagu for corroboration of this statement. A Council of War at the Camp have decided to seize his Excellency. The Provincial Generals and officers insist on these measures before engaging in a general battle. Preparations being made to attack Boston on the first intelligence of Britain's determination to continue the war. The temper of the times forbids saying more as he is chosen to convoy the needful to General Gage and this is the first intelligence received from camp for five weeks. A letter enclosed by Hugh Wallace to his kinsman Captain Wallace would find him.*

2 quarto pages.

T——— S——— to The Hon. HENRY WHIT [qy. White].

1775, September 6. New York.—Proceedings taken by the Governor in consequence of Captain Vandeput's firing on the town. Accounts from the camp report all quiet there; both armies are

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strongly entrenched. The General is much distressed for provisions; the "King Fisher" has been at the Hook and taken two vessels bound to the West Indies which she sent to Boston. A sloop came down the river last week and sold her cargo to the Captain of a transport. This also has gone to Boston. The sloop was watched, pursued and burnt. Other persons who have furnished provisions to the army and navy have been taken and are now in close confinement in the jail of the city. The Governor has satisfied Congress respecting their suspicions of his correspondence with the General.

Copy. Intercepted. (From M[r] Todd.) 3 *folio pages.*

J. Watts, Junior, to John Watts.

1775, September 6. New York.—"The two Armies at Cambridge are still within their Entrenchments." The American army is 20,000 strong and has encroached upon Gage's by taking possession of Plough Hill. Carleton is strongly entrenched with Regulars, Canadians and Indians at St. John's and busily engaged in building boats on the Lake. The Provincials have embarked there with the intention of destroying them. A Congress of Indians has been held at Albany, he believes, to recommend neutrality to them, which Colonel Johnson had all along desired.

Extract. Intercepted. (From M[r] Todd.) 1 *folio page.*

Lieutenant Colonel George Christie to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, September 7. Leicester Square.—Asks to be made Commandant over a fresh battalion to be added to the 66th or Royal American Regiment intended for service in the West Indies. Will be ready for any service, in North America or elsewhere; has been thirty-one years an officer and is a very old Lieutenant Colonel.

Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—L[t] Col[l] Christie 7 Sep[r] 1775.

Le Chevalier de Marolles de Lucé to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, September 7. Paris.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page. French.*

Endorsed:—M. de Marolles de Lucie, 7 Sept. 1775, praying an Appointment in the Artillery employed in America.

John Pownall to [Lord Dartmouth].

[1775], September 7. Thursday night.—Pressure of business in connection with the Secretary of States office and Board of Trade. Has transferred to Sir S. Porten all the information concerning Mrs. Leslie Remarks on Lieutenant Colonel James's intelligence of American affairs and his memorial. Sends private letter from Hey and confidential communication from General Harvey also copies and extracts of intercepted letters. Transmits for his signing a dispatch to General Howe on the subject of their expectations from Russia. A ship sails in five days for Providence.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

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THOMAS WHARTON to SAMUEL WHARTON.

1775, September 8. Philadelphia.—The expedition mentioned in a previous letter abandoned as General Gage frustrated the scheme. Schuyler is penetrating Canada to seize stores there, taking 7 or 8,000 men with him, about 1,400 of whom were sent from Washington's army. Believes many Canadians and Indians are ready to join the Rebels. Powder arrived at Rhode Island from the French West Indies. The designs of No. 4 are clear and he evidently aims at independence. The letters from John Adams and others printed in the newspapers were intercepted by Gage. Hopes something will happen to prevent the independence so much desired by some but dreaded by others. To-morrow the ports are all closed. Encloses newspaper and plan of Boston.

Extract. Intercepted. 2¾ *folio pages.*

(In a wrapper endorsed—from Mr Todd (private) Ex [and, in pencil, in the King's hand] $\frac{m}{10}$ p^t 6 P.M.)

COLONEL GEORGE MERCER to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, September 9. Curzon Street.—His present distresses from not being re-imbursed the £1,100 paid out of his own pocket when employed as stamp distributor for Virginia.

Autograph letter signed. 6 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Col. Mercer, 9th Sept. 1775, representing his necessitous Circumstances, &c.

AN OFFICER in the EAST INDIA COMPANY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 9. London.—"The inclosed which I send for your perusal came to my hands by a mere Accident." Believes it sprang from an Association held recently at a tavern in or near Leicester Fields. A number of these bills have been circulated; fears evil consequences may result therefrom. Withholds his name from this letter as the most disinterested actions are liable to misconstruction.

1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—An Officer 1775—inclosing an inflammatory Publication.

Enclosure:—

Printed paper headed "Sidney's Exhortation, In a candid Appeal to every true Lover of God, his Country, and Himself." "Men and Britons, Friends and Countrymen, In Matters of the utmost importance, we are bound to use the greatest Caution, etc." Strong denunciations against Government for their repeated refusals to redress the American grievances. The author is personally resolved never to become a slave to such arbitrary measures and will not resign his liberty unless with his life.

1 *page.*

CHARLES SIMPSON, Town Clerk, to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, September 9. Lichfield.—The inclosed letter, directed to the Mayor of Lichfield, having been delivered by the postmaster to Mr. William

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Cotton, on being opened by him was found to contain proposals inconsistent with allegiance; so forwards it to his Lordship assuring him that every member of this "incorporation" is united in the warmest zeal for the honour and support of His Majesty, and will contribute by all possible means to suppress the present rebellion.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Town Clerk of Litchfield 9th Sep. 1775, inclosing Joel's Letter of Association, with the Disapprobation of the Corporation of Litchfield.

Enclosure:—

THOMAS JOEL to the MAYOR OF LICHFIELD.

1775, *September* 4. *London.*—"*The present awful and calamitous situation of Great Britain and its Colonies cannot but alarm and grieve every true Friend to Liberty and his Country.*" *In consequence of the present arbitrary administration many sincere friends to Liberty have formed an association for the honour of the King, the preservation of religion, the revival of trade etc. Asks for his co-operation in this matter.*

Printed, with autograph signature. 1 *folio page. With seal* (*broken*) *on wrapper.*

CAPTAIN GEORGE VANDEPUT to SIR GEORGE VANDEPUT, Baronet.

1775, September 9. "Asia," New York.—Complains of neglect shown him in the present disagreeable situation. Gives details of an assault made by the mob to take away some cannon that were mounted upon a Battery near the River. "I was advised of their Intention, the night was very dark, and I ordered a Boat to lie near the Battery to make a Signal to me, in case they perceived them putting their Design in Execution; about Twelve the Signal was made & the Boat was immediately fired upon by a great many People from the Walls; on which in course I fired from the Ship, one man was killed in the Boat, & as I hear, there were three wounded on Shore, but none killed. They however got the guns off, indeed there was no difficulty in doing it, ... they had not more than forty or fifty yards to remove them to be out of the way of our Shot." This affair has stopped all communication with the town and more violence is expected. No improvement likely, from the indecision of Government. Wishes troops had never been sent as it has caused the whole colonies to unite. Georgia has sent delegates to Congress.

Copy. Intercepted. (From Mr Todd.) 3 *folio pages.*

JOHN WILSON to DOCTOR JAMES HUTCHINSON at Messrs. Barclay's.

1775, September 9. Philadelphia.—Recounting the preparations being carried on for the security of the city.

Extract. Intercepted. (From Mr Todd.) 1 *folio page.*

SERGEANT JOHN OSBALDESTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 10. Blackburn.—The enclosed was brought to him by the post some little while past. He cannot conceive from whom it

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has come. Has served His Majesty for five years as a sergeant in Colonel Haldimand's regiment and cannot think of forming such associations as are therein stated.

Letter signed. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Serj[t] Osbaldeston. Blackburn 10[th] Sept. 1775, inclosing a printed Letter from Joel, Secretary of the Association.

Enclosure:—

1775, *August* 28. *London.—Printed leaf, the same as that sent to the Mayor of Lichfield. See above under* 9 *September.*

JAMES PERRY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, September 10. Wolverhampton.—Wishes English merchants could put an end to the unhappy disturbances in America but while contending parties distress and ruin trade and commerce such is impossible. Predicts ruin to the trade of both countries unless peace is soon restored. From personal acquaintance with America for thirty years believes there are many steady friends to Government who if a few causes of complaint were removed would return to allegiance. Thinks there is a path which may be pursued to bring about an honourable and lasting peace with America.

Autograph letter signed. 3¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Perry Wolverhampt 10 Sep[r] 1775.

SIR STANIER PORTEN to JOHN POWNALL.

1775, September 10. St. James's, Sunday afternoon.—Lord Rochford wishes the enclosed to be sent to Lord Dartmouth when occasion offers.

Autograph letter in the third person. ¾ *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

LORD ROCHFORD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, *September* 10. *Sunday. St. James's.—Private. Sends extract of a letter he has received from General Burgoyne. In Sir S. Porten's hand, in the third person.* 3 *lines.*

Endorsed:—L[d] Rockford Lett. fr. Gen. Burgoyne.

Enclosure:—

[GENERAL BURGOYNE] to the EARL OF ROCHFORD.

1775, *July* 26. *Boston.—Private.* "*I am much afraid it will require a good deal more activity than we have yet shown to prevent famine in the Town, if not in the Army, when Winter approaches.*" *Observations on Gage's inclination to evacuate Boston and its harbour and make himself master of New York for the winter. Advantages of the latter over the former, but the execution of the measure would demand great foresight, secrecy and other management, especially to protect the persons and property of the loyal inhabitants*

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of Massachusetts. Personally he should like to possess both places if re-inforcements destined for America will admit of such. Certainly that army will need provisions to be sent from Britain as such cannot be obtained here. Commends the troops for their zeal and bravery under present hardships.

In Sir S. Porten's hand. 3¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter to the Earl of Rochford dated Boston 26 *July* 1775.

FRANCIS STUART to THOMAS CHEAP, Bedford Row, Bloomsbury.

1775, September 10. St. John's.—Has been at this place about a week under the command of Major Preston. Is busy at fortifications and when vessels are ready they are going up the Lakes in order to destroy the ships the Rebels have there. Cannot attempt to retake Crown Point and Ticonderoga for want of men to garrison them. Has the Light Infantry so is certain of being employed. Some of his men are prisoners with the rebels having been surprized with Capt. De La Place at Ticonderoga. Gives an account of an attack by the rebels whom they repulsed but are promised revenge later on. This place of the utmost consequence, being the key to Canada. With re-inforcements they do not fear another encounter.

Extract. Intercepted. 1¾ *folio pages.*

CHIEF JUSTICE WILLIAM HEY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 11, continued on 17, 18 and 21. Quebec.—Is in an agony of mind not to be expressed. Fears this whole province will soon be in the hands of the enemy as there is nothing to oppose them but the works at St. John's and 500 men. Canadians will not help and Indians have given up for want of support. Carleton has only a small force with him, but they will sooner die than surrender. Sad state of the country for want of troops. Canadians and Indians have joined the rebels. 18 Sept. "A courier is just arrived with copies of some Circular Letters sent from the Rebels to the parishes on the south shore nearest their camp ordering them to furnish 50 men each armed with provisions for 4 days at their own expense on pain of military execution." This procedure has alarmed the Canadians. Thinks, if a respectable body of men could be got together and 500 were to march to St. John's, the rebels would break up and return to Ticonderoga, and, if not assisted by the Canadians, would abandon their design till the spring. Personal danger.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Ch. Just. Hey Quebec 21 Sept^{r} 1775.

J. INGERSOLL to JARED INGERSOLL, Inner Temple.

1775, September 11. Philadelphia.—Fears their communications will be decreased from the Maritime Regulations of Parliament on the one hand and the American Congress on the other, added to which letters are intercepted. Advises him to be prudent in his political conversation.

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SIR JAMES ADOLPHUS OUGHTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, September 12. Caroline Park.—Considers it is fortunate that the defection in America has broken out at a time when England can exert her full force to suppress it. Recommends vigorous measures. Rejoices to see the Proclamation. The people of Glasgow are in high spirits, and several ships have arrived from Virginia laden with tobacco. The Commissioners of the Customs have ordered their officers to clear out no ships with more than the ordinary complement of seamen aboard, which will prevent the rebels getting any more recruits from this country.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—S[r] Ad[s] Oughton 12 Sept[r] 1775.

JOHN POWNALL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, September 12. Tuesday night ½ past 11.—Urgency of public business demands his (Dartmouth's) return to town. The Board of Trade has had to consider the numerous applications made for leave to export gunpowder, arms and ammunition to all parts of the world.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Pownall. Sept 12. 1775. An Account of Office Business.

LORD D[ARTMOUTH] to [CHARLES SIMPSON].

1775, September 13.—In reply to his of the 9th instant. Thanks for expressions of loyalty and affection from the "incorporation" of Lichfield which shall be duly laid before the King.

Autograph draft signed D. 1½ *pages note.*

O. HULME to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, September 13. Charterhouse Square.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Hulme 13 Sept. 1775 respecting Reconciliation with the Colonies.

JOHN POWNALL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 13. Wednesday evening.—"My Cares of this day began with being awaked by an Express from Liverpoole." Respecting the enclosed papers and two other addresses from Manchester and Leicester. Despatches received by the mail give intelligence of the Rebels' designs upon Canada.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Liverpool.

Enclosures:—

FRANCIS GILDART, Town Clerk, to LORD DARTMOUTH.

September 11. *Liverpool.—Desiring him to present the enclosed address from the Mayor, Common Council and Corporation of Liverpool to the King, at the earliest opportunity.*

Copy. ¾ *folio page.*

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Enclosures—cont.

1775, *September* 11.—*Copy of the address to the King.*
2½ *folio pages.*

The KING to JOHN POWNALL.

1775, *September* 13. 26 *minutes past* 6 P.M. *Queen's House.*—"*Mr Pownall, An answer ought to be wrote to Mr Gildart acquainting him with my having very graciously received this mark of Duty and loyalty from the Corporation of Liverpool.*
Autograph. 4 *lines.*

JOHN POWNALL to FRANCIS GILDART.

1775, *September* 15. *Whitehall.—Acknowledges the receipt of address from Mayor &c. of Liverpool and states that the same has been very graciously received by the King.*
Copy. 1 *folio page.*

JAMES LORIMER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 15. Edinburgh.—He is the only child of the person whose inconsiderable but zealous services to his King are set forth in the enclosed memorial. Is anxious to serve his country if some employment could be given him among the troops now being levied for America.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Mr Lorimer Edinburgh.

Enclosure:—

Paper headed—Memorial For James Lorimer late Merchant in Edinburgh. Recounts his services to his King and country when the rebels were in Edinburgh in 1745.
1½ *folio pages.*

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 18. On board the "Cherokee" in Rebellion Road, Charlestown Harbour.—His discoveries during his voyage from England to America of a current from St. George's Channel to the Gulf of Mexico, and the no-variation line. His arrival after a severe hurricane at Charlestown where he heard of the war being carried on and danger attending the King's servants in the respective provinces. Interview on board the "Tamar" with Captain Innes, and later on with Mr. Edwards one of the Committee, who stated the reasons of the present rebellion. Circumstances attending the opening of the mail containing letters from his Lordship—the Governor coming out of his house was surrounded by six Carolina officers armed, who demanded the letters sent by Dartmouth, which the Governor refused; after the mail was opened, the Post Master, previously forbidden to go outside the town, was made prisoner to his house in future. Fort Johnson taken by Mott a Provincial Colonel. Remarks on his own ship the "Cherokee"

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that she cannot be made a fighting ship, nor is she even a tolerable sailer to be used for dispatches.

Autograph letter signed. 7 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—M[r] De Brahm Sep. 1775.

HENRY CALDWELL to the RIGHT HONOURABLE ISAAC BARRÉ.

1775, September 19, and postscript 20. Quebec.—Evil consequences of delaying to arm this province against incursions of the rebels; their position and proceedings during the last fortnight. Efforts to strengthen the militia and defend the city. Complains of personal neglect by Government. His useless efforts to enlist some on his side. Commends the conduct of the British militia here. Carleton has been joined by some who previously declared for the rebels. Reported death of Montgomery in an encounter with Indians.

Copy. Intercepted. 8½ *folio pages.*

GOVERNOR LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 19. On board the "Tamar" in Rebellion Road. —Abstract of letter No. 7. Gives an account of the necessity he was under, "from the Violences, Insults and Outrages offered to him and the other servants of Government," to retire on board H.M.S. "Tamar" in the harbour.

3 *folio pages.* [The signed letter, with enclosures, is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 229, fo. 477.]

Enclosure:—

1775, *September* 1. *Charlestown.—Thomas Knox Gordon, Edward Savage, Charles Matthews Cosslett, John Fewtrell and William Gregory, Judges, Justices of South Carolina, J. Simpson, Attorney General, and James Trail C. C. P. to Lord William Campbell. Lay before him some late facts by which they are involved in their present difficult, dangerous and critical situation and the rule of conduct they apprehend they must adopt under the circumstances. Quote the Association they were asked to sign by order of the Provincial Congress; reasons for refusing it. Proceedings taken against them in consequence. Being now prisoners they have resolved to decline the execution of their respective offices until they can resume them with the powers and dignity becoming their office.*

Copy. 9¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from the Judges &c. of South Carolina to Lord W[m] Campbell, dated Charles Town, 1[st] Sept. 1775. *In Lord W[m] Campbell's (N[o] 7) of* 19 *Sept.* 1775.

MESSRS. GREGORY and WOOLSEY to MESSRS. WILLIAM BAYNES and CO.

1775, September 19. Quebec.—"A large Party of New England People have been lately on the Frontier of our Province." Fears an invasion of the enemy because of lack of troops to protect them, only militia to depend upon. Narrow escape of the Governor from being

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taken prisoner by a party consisting of Canadians and New England people headed by an Englishman.

Extract. Intercepted. ⅔ folio page.

LORD ROCHFORD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 19. St. James's.—Making a confidential communication of the enclosed paper.

In Sir Stanier Porten's hand, in the third person. 3 lines.

Enclosure:—

1775, *August 22.—Extract of a Letter from a Person who has lived many years in France, been much connected with the Ministers there, and who is now come to reside in England, written to one of his friends in London. Information of a plan in contemplation by France and Spain towards America to be executed as soon as favourable circumstances offer and which will have fatal consequences to the trade of Great Britain. Shows assistance given in military stores to the rebels by France for seven years past from their West India Islands. The French agents freely dispersed throughout the provinces to inflame the minds of the people. Remarks on the intended attack by the French on the English Sugar Islands.*

In Sir Stanier Porten's hand. 4½ folio pages.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GABRIEL CHRISTIE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 20. Leicester Square.—Encloses copy of a petition which Lord Barrington presented to the King on his behalf. Enforces his claims and desire for a fresh appointment. Has heard that the people are beginning to be discontented at the proceedings of the Continental Congress, particularly in New York. Is convinced they will soon get into the utmost confusion as they are feeling the heavy taxes in reality.

Letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Enclosure:—

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GABRIEL CHRISTIE to the KING.

Petition. States his services in Flanders, Great Britain and North America. Asks to be appointed Commandant of a new battalion to be added to the 60th or Royal American Regiment for service in the West Indies.

1 *folio page.*

WILLIAM GRANT to DAVID GRANT, Great Russel Street, Bloomsbury.

1775, September 20. Quebec.—The rebels have invaded with a considerable force this abandoned, defenceless province and are now encamped at Isle aux Noix, five leagues from Fort St. John's. Some of the Canadians have joined the rebels and the Indians are not to be depended upon; most of them have deserted the English. Martial appearance of this city. Is determined to remain loyal. Carleton is

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at Montreal and can only act on the defensive. Action between Generals Schuyler, Montgomery and a party of Indians. "We are endeavouring to put this place in the best posture of defence we can. But what can a handful of undisciplined Citizens do in a dismantled, extensive Fortification?" "Government from its Supremacy is become despicable."

Extract. Intercepted. 2¼ *folio pages.*

MOSES KIRKLAND to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, September 20. "Tamer," (*sic*) Rebellion Road, South Carolina. —"May it Please your Lordship Pardon my freedom in troubling your Lordship, with this Letter as it concerns Thousands of poor People, much distress'd by resolves of Congress's." Inflictions imposed on these inhabitants by the rebels in consequence of their refusing to sign the associations. Has been enabled by months of travel among them to procure 4,000 to avow their loyalty to the King. Personal sufferings in the past and present from persecution of the rebels. Has had to flee for his life to His Majesty's ship "Tamar," intends going to Boston by first opportunity to acquaint General Gage of his proceedings and ask for troops. Recommends measures for the improvement of the province.

Letter signed. 3¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—M. Kirkland S. Carolina Sept^{r} 1775.

C. LESLIE to WILLIAM BEARD, New York.

1775, September 20. London.—"The Time *is arrived* for the Stability or Destruction of this Empire." Believes that the people in America are grossly and wickedly deceived in their ideas of the state of this country, for instead of evils which are supposed to exist here, trade is brisk, peace and quietness reign, and public credit is higher than usual. Thinks the time is at hand when all the world will see and America feel the sentiments of the people of England on this great occasion.

Extract. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

ISAAC W. CLARKE to JOHN SINGLETON COPLEY, London.

1775, September 21. Quebec.—General Carleton and others have done their utmost to rouse and enlist the Canadians but with little success. Troops scarce. Militia doing constant duty. Preparations being made to defend the city but fears the approach of a numerous foe.

Extract. Intercepted. 1¼ *folio pages.*

JONATHAN CLARKE to ELISHA HUTCHINSON.

1775, September 14 and 21. Quebec.—Is surprised at not hearing from him for a long while. Heard on arrival here of the taking of Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Canadians have been strangely tampered with by persons attached to the cause of the Provincials. Proceedings at St. John's fort. Business suspended at Montreal, most of the inhabitants having gone to join the army. Intends leaving this

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province as the rebels are expected to attack St. John's and the English are not strong enough to oppose them.

Extract. Intercepted. 3¼ *folio pages.* [The autograph signed letter is in the British Museum, Egerton Manuscripts, Vol. 2659, fo. 172.]

COLONEL ALLAN MACLEAN to JOHN POWNALL.

1775, September 21. Quebec.—Evil result of not procuring in time the assistance of the Indians to attack the rebels on their own frontiers which would have effectually prevented the province being attacked. Defenceless state of this province and inability to cope with rebels and Indians now united. Surprised at the leniency shown by the people at home towards "the villians of America." Is acting as military Governor of Quebec and defending that place as well as possible with the limited means at hand.

Copy. 3 *folio pages.*

J. PAINTER to WILLIAM HAYNES, Merchant, London.

1775, September 21. Quebec.—Has heard that one hundred and fifty Canadians have joined the rebels, but, as false reports are freely circulated, cannot vouch for the accuracy of such a statement. The warlike preparations here foretell danger.

Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

MESSRS. PATTERSON and GRANT to JOHN STRETTELL, London.

1775, September 21. Quebec.—Fears the New England men may become masters of the whole country as the Canadians do not oppose them. No troops to depend upon so only the militia to protect them, trade at an end, and most people owe their present misfortunes to the Governor, the Quebec Bill and its promoters.

Extract. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

ROBERT QUICK to MESSRS. WOMBWELLS.

1775, September 21. Quebec.—"Messrs Davison and Lees have thought proper to stop me from discharging any more of my Cargo." Disturbances in the province by the Bostonians, who have marched a large army into it and taken some forts. Has heard that the rebels had invested St. John's and the King's troops were too few to hold out long. Merchant ships have been employed to defend the Lakes and River. The country seems quite in confusion.

Extract. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

REAR-ADMIRAL SHULDHAM to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, September 21. Craven Street.—Concerning the enclosed letter.

Autograph letter signed. ¾ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Admˡ Shuldham 21 Sepʳ 1775.

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Enclosure :—

REAR-ADMIRAL SHULDHAM to LORD NORTH.

1775, *September* 21. *Craven Street.—Representing the difficulty there would be in getting a fleet of transports to Quebec at this advanced season of the year.*
Copy. 1 *page.*

GEORGE WILMOT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, September 21. King's Arms, Charing Cross.—Relates his past labours and losses in America on account of his loyalty to Government. Refers him to Governor Hutchinson for details thereof. Asks for relief in his present distress.
Signed. 1 *sheet.*

Endorsed :—To the Right Honorable the Earl of Dartmouth.

WILLIAM LINDSAY to MESSRS. GRACE and KENNEDY.

1775, September 22. Quebec.—Troubles of the country in consequence of the Canada Bill and the encroachments of the provincial army. St. John's fort is being invested by a large body of the enemy's troops. Merchants and traders are doing garrison duty for want of troops and exerting themselves to the utmost to defend this town. "In an hour hence I mount Guard under a Captain's command consisting of Eighty Fellow Citizens, each taking it in his turn."
Extract. Intercepted. 1¼ *folio pages.*

GEORGE POWNALL, Secretary of the Province of Quebec, to [ ].

1775, September 22.—Gives an account of the battle between the rebels and Indians on the 6th in which it is said that General Schuyler commanded the former and that Montgomery was killed. Information since received of Indians making peace with the rebels and refusing to fight against them. Narrow escape of Carleton and Lord Pitt from being taken prisoners by some Canadians. Confusion great here. Mustering of militia under Cramahé's command. Colonel Maclean busy at fortifications. Complains of neglect on the part of Britain. Desirability of protecting this province by troops. Fears there has been another battle at St. John's.
Extract. 7 *quarto pages.*

WILLIAM LINDSAY to JOSEPH PARKER, Cheapside, London.

1775, September 25. Quebec.—"Matters in this Province get worse and worse." The enemy has got a footing in this country and they are busy fortifying themselves against their attacks.
Extract. Intercepted. ½ *folio page.*

EXTRACT of a LETTER from MONTREAL.

1775, September 25.—(On the other side of the paper is a note, dated No. 60, Mark Lane, Friday morning, in the third person, from Mr. Shoolbred to Mr. Serle sending him this extract, received yesterday

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from Quebec forwarded by his brother. Encounter with the rebels by General Carleton and citizens, in which Colonel Allen and his associates surrendered. "We lost one Common Man in the Field, and unfortunately Major Carden & Alexander Paterson were wounded, the former of whom died of his wound this morning, Paterson its thought will Recover, had it not been for the Sally we made yesterday, Montreal would this day have been in the hands of the Yankees, Allen enlisted the Canadians at 30 Coppers a day and promised them an Equal Share of the Plunder of Montreal with himself . . . He said the Canadians (150 in number) on our approach forsook him and that he never was given to understand that the People of Montreal would oppose his Entrance. However they are all now Safe on board the 'Gaspée.'"

1½ *folio pages.*

MESSRS. WATTS and MASKELYN to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, September 28. Bristol.—In consequence of the enclosed summons an address has been produced, freely signed, and will soon be presented to the King. Rejoices to hear that Bradford, Trowbridge and Milksham intend doing the same. Acknowledges with thanks his Lordship's last letter.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Messrs Watts & Maskelyne. Bristol, 28 Sepr 1775

Enclosure:—

1775, *September* 25. *Bristol.—Summons to the inhabitants to meet respecting an address to the King on the present conjuncture of affairs between Great Britain and America.*
Printed. 1 *quarto page.*

[ ] to LAMBERT CADWALADER, Philadelphia.

1775, September 28. London.—Supposes every letter undergoes some examination but will try the fate of this. Papers filled with the proceedings of the two armies in New England, but many false accounts given. Believes most of the independent gentlemen of this island are well-wishers to America, but through inaction are of little service to the cause of liberty and the oppressed.

Extract. Intercepted. 1½ *folio pages.*

1775, September 29.—A folio manuscript in a stiff paper cover, dated at the end but not signed. On the subject of American affairs in the present crisis.

90 *pages.*

GOVERNOR ROBERT EDEN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 1. Annapolis.—Private. Sends proceedings of the 29th August, as severe weather attended the ship which carried former copies. Disturbances in the town caused by the seizure of the pilot boat by the "King-Fisher" and a publication in a Pennsylvania paper. Proceedings in Philadelphia. Supposed discoveries made in

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the intercepted letters from some members of the Congress which have fallen into General Gage's hands. Has prorogued the General Assembly to the 7th November next.

Autograph letter signed. 5½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^{r} Eden Sep. Oct^{r} 1775. Ex.

Enclosures:—

MARYLAND.

1775, *August* 29.—*Proceedings of Council. A true copy signed James Brooks,* 30 *September* 1775.
5½ *folio pages.*

GOVERNOR ROBERT EDEN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, *September* 9. *Annapolis.—Private. Mentions items of intelligence given in his last of 27th ultimo. The Congress at Philadelphia is waiting an answer from the King to their late address, which if denied, manifestoes are to be sent to the sundry towns in Europe, inviting them to trade with the free American Colonies. Late violent proceedings have driven many men from this province to England. Introduces the Reverend Mr. Boucher (the bearer of this) as well qualified to give information on American affairs. Tomorrow is the last day of the ports remaining open. His Lordship's dispatches by the June packet were opened before he received them.*
Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

EDWARD MONTAGU* to PEYTON RANDOLPH.

1775, October 2. London.—"As this is the last Mail which will be allowed to go from hence I am unwilling to loose the opportunity of bidding you a long farewell." Does not believe he is yet a rebel but understands his "*Patriotism is not below Proof.*" Knows that the object of the Colonies is total independence, and if he were in power would grant it to them as the quickest way to ruin which their present actions are leading them to. "I read all your Prints from Charles Town to Boston, and find Truth in none and no other meaning but continuing the Delusion of the poor ignorant People, who must be sacrifised by Thousands to gratify the Pride and ambition of that damn'd Rascal John Adams. If your Designs are completed, and you should become a separate State I hope he will turn out another Cromwell.—He'll make a noble Protector tho' but an indifferent Malster.—His Letter to M^{r} Warren exhibits a true Picture of that *Moderation and Tenderness* which would prevail in him in the Exercise of Power.—If Gage does not raise him to a more *exalted* Station he wont be content with any Thing less from your hands than Stadtholder, but I hope you will be in no danger of that embarressment." Fears he (Randolph) will be driven to the Indians for protection unless the maritime towns become bomb-proof. "Such a Peal of Thunder is preparing for you that will shake even the Apalatian Mountains."

Copy. Intercepted. 3½ *folio pages.*

Note.—Montagu had been agent for the province of Virginia; Peyton Randolph of Virginia was President of Congress for a short time; he died on the 22nd of this month. *Dict. of Amer. Biography.*

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JAMES PERRY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 2. Wolverhampton.—Quotes copy of letter just received from Boston showing state of affairs there. The dispositions of the Americans and English are too opposite to dwell in friendship together. England much benefited of late by the importation of grain and flour from America and he thinks the disputes might be settled by a change in taxation and the repeal of some acts not of great consequence. Proposes the appointment of a suitable mediator to go to America with authority to bring about a reconciliation.

Autograph letter signed. 4½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Perry Wolverhampton 2 Octr 1775.

TREASURY.

Abstract of proceedings at the Treasury, relative to North America, from the 1st day of January to the 2nd October 1775 with Abstract of Account of Monies paid and ordered to be paid in the year 1775 on Account of the Extraordinary expenses of the Army there.

17½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Abstract of Proceedings at the Treasury relative to North America from 1st January 1775.

DR. J. B. CHANDLER to the REVEREND CHARLES INGLIS, New York.

1775, October 3. London.—"We are all here heartily desirous of an Accommodation." Remarks on the Plan of Pacification drawn up by Lords North and Dartmouth who are anxious for an amicable settlement. Neither the nation nor ministry are intimidated nor have they any doubt but the Colonies can be reduced sooner or later. No ministry was ever firmer than the present one, and if war must continue it will be with increased vigour. If America acts a reasonable part, she will immediately rescue herself from the military Government she has placed herself under and accept England's proposals, otherwise madness will have its perfect work and destruction follow.

Extract. Intercepted. 2¼ *folio pages.*

JOHN MAUNSELL to DOCTOR AUCHMUTY.

1775, October 3. London.—"I shall call on Your Brother, who is lately arrived from Boston, the Moment I am able." Has kept up a correspondence, since his arrival in England, with Vanshaake and laid before him a true state of things here as far as they relate to America; asks him to see these letters. If some conciliatory measures are not adopted on America's side and in a constitutional manner by her provincial Legislatures the sword must determine the controversy. Preparations being made for either event.

Extract. Intercepted. ¾ *folio page.*

JOHN MAUNSELL to PETER VANSCHAACK, New York.

1775, October 3. London.—Notifies the stoppage of packets to New York. Regrets to see the British constitution in America totally subverted. Gives his sentiments concerning the state and temper of

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the people in England. Preparations for war though conciliatory measures will be offered. Letters from members of Congress intercepted by General Gage are handed about and show a desire for independence. States what he thinks America should do to heal the differences. Asks him to exert his influence to restore peace.

Copy. Intercepted. 4¾ *folio pages.*

MOSES FRANKS to the HONOURABLE JOHN HARRIS CRUGER.

1775, October 4. London.—Packets to America now stopped. Earnest desires for peace.

Extract. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

J. INGERSOLL to JARED INGERSOLL, Philadelphia.

1775, October 4. London.—Remarks on the circumstances of David Ingersoll. As this packet is the last that will be sent to America, and opportunities for correspondence will be seldom, asks that he may not be accused of negligence in the future, when it will be solely on account of the situation. Various propositions have been sent to the King from different English towns. Some letters from Colonel Harrison to General Washington and from Adams to his wife taken on the Rhode Island ferry have been published here and do not raise the character of Congress or their politics.

Copy. Intercepted. 2½ *folio pages.*

[EDWARD] MONTAGU to ANTHONY TODD.

1775, October 4. Gray's Inn.—"Presents his Comp[ts] to M[r] Todd begs leave to send him the inclosed,* which he wishes to go by the N. York Mail." The address of the said letter would justify inspection but hopes Mr. Todd will bear testimony for him that his correspondence is not treasonable.

Autograph letter in the third person. ½ *quarto page.*

* Probably his letter to Randolph of the 2nd inst.

WILLIAM STRAHAN to DOCTOR BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

1775, October 4. London.—Takes advantage of the last regular packet. Is concerned to see he has accepted the place of postmaster from the Congress. The desire of the Colonies for a separation is apparent to all from the violent proceedings taken against Government servants there. Fears he (Franklin) has carried things too far and is engaged in a most dangerous and difficult task. "I am still of opinion, that the' Ministry of this Country was never disposed to fleece or oppress you, that this unnatural Civil War has been chiefly, if not wholly, occasioned by our wicked Factions at Home, whose Struggles for Places & Power have by degrees carried them such daring lengths as have induced & encouraged you to increase your Demands much beyond what you at first dreamt of." Has lately seen many worthy men who have been forced to abandon their homes to avoid confinement, confiscation of property and corporal punishment, and these give sad accounts of the miseries of anarchy in America. Is sorry to differ from him in this great political dispute. [Not in *Sparks'* nor *Bigelow's* Franklin.]

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WILLIAM STRAHAN to THOMAS WHARTON.

1775, October 4. London.—Refers him to Doctor Franklin's letter for information on the present dispute between England and her colonies. Is convinced that accommodation is now become impracticable and separation possible, though how far it will answer the intended purpose remains still to be seen. Parliament is about to meet, but fears differences will not be settled till much mischief is done on both sides. Thinks it strange matters should have gone so far, when it is plain that safety and prosperity depend on union.

Extract. Intercepted. 1 *folio page.*

HUGH WILLIAMSON to JOHN DICKENSON, Philadelphia.

1775, October 4. London.—"A powerful Army will certainly be sent to America next Summer." Petitions are coming up from the principal towns of England desiring coercive measures with America, which will lead to Parliament sending a large armament, and taking foreign troops into British pay. Knows America cannot be conquered but the land will be destroyed and then separated. Wishes other measures could have been adopted to prevent such effusion of blood.

Extract. Intercepted. 1¼ *folio pages.*

[ ] to RICHARD CARY.

1775, October 4. London.—"Alas my dear Sir, what Scenes have you lived to be Witness to." Is concerned to hear he was a sufferer by the destruction of Charles Town. Explains a paragraph in his letter to Mr. Curwen respecting the spirit of the people and asserts that there is no defection in him from the old principles of the family but that he will support their cause in public and private. Is censured for continuing his acquaintance with a certain Lord, but assures Cary his cause will not suffer thereby. Preparations being made to continue the war; 30,000 Russians are to be taken into British pay.

Copy. Intercepted. 2 *folio pages.*

[ ] to THOMAS QUIN.

1775, October 4. London.—Congratulations on his advancement from the regulating of watches to the commanding of a regiment in the Provincial Army. Justifies him in taking up the cause of liberty, but it is doubtful whether the Americans will be able to hold out against the forces destined for that country next spring; foreign troops are to be sent with orders to devastate their towns if they will not submit, and King and Parliament are determined to assert their rights. Does not sign this letter as it is reported letters for America are opened before they are sent but the handwriting will be known and he has sealed it four times with his mother's head.

Extract. Intercepted. 1½ *folio pages.*

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM HOWE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 6. Boston.—Private. Acknowledging letter of the 31st July. Hopes to merit the continuance of the confidence with which he is favoured. Is gratified at the King's approbation of his

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conduct and the important trust reposed in him in the absence of General Gage.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Gen[l] Howe Boston 6 Oct[r] 1775.

JOHN POWNALL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 7, Saturday.—Details business he has transacted of late respecting the transportation of troops and discontinuance of packets to America. Lord North is preparing for the approaching campaign, which promises to be exciting. Remarks on business attending the application for leave to export gunpowder, arms and ammunition. Dispatches from Lord William Campbell report disturbances in South Carolina and need of assistance to subdue anarchy there.

Autograph letter signed. 5 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Pownall 7 Oct[r] 1775.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM DALRYMPLE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, October 10. Boston.—Announces his arrival the previous day after a dangerous voyage. Will write more fully in a few days. Thinks the securing of this place will be the chief employment of the ensuing winter. Hopes for some mark of favor to save his honor and give him a decent provision.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—L[t] Col[l] Dalrymple 10 Oct[r] 1775.

WILLIAM MOLLESON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, October 11. America Square.—Proceedings of a faction amongst the North American Merchants which insisted on framing a petition to the King. His reasons for signing it, though he did not approve of it.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Molleson 11 Oct[r] 1775.

DAVID INGERSOLL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 14. Croydon.—Representing the persecution and destruction of his property he has endured on account of his loyalty. Thanks for succour sent him some time since. Expects to die of famine. Would be glad of an interview if convenient.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Ingersoll 14 Oct[r] 1775.

The REVEREND JOHN ERSKINE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, October 20. Edinburgh.—"I lately found the inclosed inflammatory paper in a volume of Dean Young's Sermons."

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Circumstances respecting its discovery and reasons for sending it to his Lordship.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev. J. Erskine 1775.

Enclosure:—

1774, *February* 16.—*A printed paper signed "A South Briton." Deplores the increase of taxation during the last* 84 *years. Denounces the measures pursued by the Governors who, of late years, have coaxed the people to part with their money and give paper in return to keep up armies of placemen, permit men, custom house officers, pensioners and soldiers, by which their liberties are become barely nominal.*

1 *folio page.*

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN VAUGHAN to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, October 22. "Harcourt" Transport off Milford Haven.—Detention of transports here owing to the "Harcourt" having met with much damage in a severe gale. The "Argo" has not yet appeared.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—L^t^ Col. Vaughan 22 Oct^r^ 1775.

POST OFFICE INTERCEPTIONS.

1775, October 23.—Wrapper endorsed in the King's hand. "Oct. 23, 1775, ½ p^t^ 5 P.M. $\frac{m}{20}$ p^t^ 6 P.M. from the Post Office. (Secret)." The letters at one time within this wrapper were chiefly the interceptions noted above on the 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd September.

CHARLES SIMPSON, Town Clerk to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 23. Lichfield.—Has been requested to transmit to his Lordship an address to the King in the confidence that he (Lord Dartmouth) would make their offers of service acceptable to His Majesty.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Litchfield 23^d^ Oct^r^ 1775. M^r^ Simpson Town Clerk. R/ 25^th^.

CAPTAIN HUGH BROMEDGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 24. "Savage" Sloop, St. John's, New Foundland.—Writes by request of Governor Montfort Browne of the Bahamas to announce that he left him at Pensacola on the 20th June last on his way to Brown's Clifts on the banks of the Mississippi. Expects his Excellency will inform him of the new passage over the Grand Bahama Banks and the short cut through the East Florida Keys, which is a very short passage from Providence to Pensacola, also of the discovery made by Bromedge of wood for sheathing boards for ships which may be stationed in the Bahamas and Pensacola. Gave orders for the "St. John"

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to go to Pensacola to take back Governor Browne to Providence. Sails tomorrow to convoy a transport with volunteers &c. for Admiral Graves's squadron and General Gage's regiments at Boston.

Letter signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—1775 Captn Bromedge New passage over the Bahama banks new wood for sheething boards.

W. Hey to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, October 24. Quebec.—Mentions Lady Mary Carleton's departure. State of the province. Details of a successful incursion from the garrison of Montreal against a party of rebels. Circumstances improving but troops still needed. His own difficult position. Observations on Colonel Johnson.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Hey, Quebec 24 Octr 1775.

William Parsons to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, October 25. Spring Garden Coffee House in Spring-gardens. —Was yesterday arrested for the only debt he owes in the kingdom. Refers to his brother a Captain in the 10th at Boston, wounded at Lexington and Charlestown. Is engaged in a vexatious lawsuit which has detained him longer in this country than he expected. Asks for a loan of £20 to extricate him from present difficulties.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

A Recipe to cure the Prevalent Malady among the Americans.

1775, October 26. Thursday morning.—A paper headed "A Recipe to cure the prevalent Malady among the North Americans, & to secure the friends of Goverment who continue Loyal among them." "Accompanying this is a printed leaf headed A Dissertation on Disputes between Great Britain and her Colonies." Both signed Analysis A. P.

Original. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Analysis. America.

Lord Barrington to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, October 26. Cavendish Square.—"On my arrival at the War Office last monday I found that five Regiments were to be sent from Ireland in the beginning of December." Hopes these troops are not bound to the Southward in North America as many dangers and difficulties would attend them there. Reminds him of the necessity of consulting able military men before taking decided steps in military matters.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Ld Barrington 26 Octr 1775.

Robert Hunter to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, October 26. Coleman Street.—Has received letters from Quebec of the 25th September giving an account of a skirmish between

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the rebels and the garrison of St. Johns, which resulted in the defeat of the former, and Captain Hazen and one Tucker taken prisoners. Quebec fairly defended. General opinion that the rebels would retreat to Crown Point till the spring. The vessel met three transports from Boston in the River St. Lawrence.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Hunter 26 Oct[r] 1775. Intelligence from Quebec.

JOHN KENWARD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 26. St. Augustine.—Requests his acceptance of two barrels of St. Augustine oranges "containing in both 1,000" shipped on board the Brigantine Betsy; also two nonpareils, being the product of this province. Sir John Shaw has some excellent melon seed which he will share with Lord Dartmouth in exchange for some oranges.

In the third person. 1¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Kenward St. Augustine 26 Oct[r] 1775.

ROBERT GORDON to SIR JOHN BLAQUIERE.

1775, October 27. Corke.—"I can assure you from good Authority that the Pensilvanians were very hard at Work on the 26 Aug[t] and continued so on the 19[th] Sep[r] last." Fortifications being made at posts on the river side from Chester up to the town, artillery from New York and Philadelphia used for this purpose. A ship has arrived with a cargo of slaves and flax seed from Philadelphia, and the master thereof reports discontent at Philadelphia with the orders of Congress and taxes imposed, also by the severity of punishment inflicted on such as refuse to join the rebels. Printed papers are dispersed containing false accounts of England's conduct towards them.

Extract. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from Robert Gordon Esq[r] to Sir John Blaquiere dated Corke 27 Oct[r] 1775, containing Intelligence from Philadelphia.

WILLIAM PARSONS to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, October 27. Spring-garden Coffee House.—Sends enclosure as his Lordship was not at home when Mr. Mair called on him. Thanks for interposition to rescue him from present distress.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

ARTHUR MAIR to WILLIAM PARSONS.

1775, *October* 27. *Craig's Court.—Reason for not being able to call again on Lord Dartmouth. Quotes extract of a letter from W. Parsons' brother dated Boston* 9 *August, stating that he had not yet recovered the use of his right hand wounded at Charlestown, but this would be of no material consequence in his correspondence as he would have no occasion to draw on his brother till next spring and can use his left hand for signing letters.*

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Parsons Oct[r] 1775.

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WILLIAM PARSONS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 27. Spring-garden Coffee House.—Assures him all inquiries will be satisfactorily answered concerning himself as he abhors imposition. Lieutenant Winter takes this letter and upon his Lordship's decision depends all that is dear or valuable to man.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

JOHN WATERHOUSE, THOMAS DYSON and Z. ROBERT BARKER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 28. Halifax.—Tender an address to his Lordship from the Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants, Manufacturers and Land owners of this Town upon the unhappy disturbances with America, requesting such may be presented to the Throne. Informs him of a petition circulated in the neighbourhood and the class of people signing it under the influence of a few in opposition.

Letter signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Committee at Halifax 28 Oct^{r} 1775.

LORD TOWNSHEND to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, October 29. Portman Square.—Promises him an exact statement of the artillery now in America of which the Ordnance has cognizance. In the absence of his secretary can only transmit what is at Halifax, but that will show what General Gage had near him. Hints for the use of pallisadoes in the present war.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L^{d} Townshend 29 Oct^{r} 1775.

LORD TOWNSHEND to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, October 29. Portman Square.—Captain Foy is acquainted with some points of the trade in America arising from the operation of Acts of Parliament, which are worth his Lordship's consideration.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L^{d} Townshend 30 Oct^{r} 1775, recommending Capt. Foy.

COMMODORE GEORGE MACKENZIE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 30. "Ramillies," Chatham.—Has severely felt the indignity shewn him by the appointment of Sir Peter Parker to be second in command in America and Captain Morris his Captain. Repeats his desire to serve in that country or elsewhere, having forty years good character and being still capable of active service. Asks to be remembered.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Com. Mackenzie 30 Oct^{r} 1775.

WILLIAM KNOX.

Memorandum endorsed "received from S^{r} W. Meredith 30 Oct^{r} 1775." "Liverpool Merchants will fit out privateers & undertake to seize all American vessels trading to the Coast of Africa & elsewhere. Spanish trade."

In Knox's hand. 3½ *lines.*

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LORD SANDWICH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 30. Admiralty.—Advisability of an interview and consultation with Sir Peter Parker, the Comptroller of the Navy and Sir Hugh Palliser as to what naval measures it will be practicable to take for the debarkation of the troops at Cape Fear.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L[d] Sandwich 30 Oct[r] 1775.

ALEXANDER SCHAW to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 31. Orange Street.—Remarks on the navigation of rivers in North Carolina and settlements thereon. Governor Martin's conduct on his arrival won the people's confidence and esteem. Loyalty of highlanders. Proceedings of rebels. Plan of operations desirable to be carried on to subdue them. No apprehensions need be felt from South Carolina, and Virginia could be kept in check. Necessity of Governor Martin being at the head of everything done in that province.

Letter signed. 11¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:— M[r] Shaw 31[st] Oct[r] 1775.

LORD CHANCELLOR [APSLEY] to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, November 3, Friday evening.—On the supposition that the Address moved for would be in the House on Monday, asks for his Lordship's presence in the House on that day in time to deliver in the paper of which Lord Mansfield and himself desire copies. Will be glad to hear the sum of the news brought by Lord Pitt.

Autograph letter. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Lord Chancellor 3 Nov[r] 1775.

LORD BARRINGTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, November 3. Cavendish Square.—"I beg leave to return you my best thanks for the News from Canada which you were so good as to send me last night." Will not fail to attend at Lord North's to-morrow. Concludes the Generals will be there also as they can give important and useful assistance, especially if permitted to stay during the discussion of the matter by the Cabinet. Personally, thinks they should be considered as Cabinet Council so long as military business is deliberated upon.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L[d] Barrington 3 Nov[r] 1775.

EDWARD MONTAGU to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, November 3. Gray's Inn.—Reasons for forwarding an enclosed letter and means for its conveyance to America if approved of.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Ed. Montagu Esq[r] 3 Nov[r] 1775.

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Enclosures :—

1775, *November* 3.—*Paper submitted to Lord Dartmouth's consideration. "Excited by the Calls of sincerest Friendship & with silent but warmest Zeal for our bleeding Country," the writer asks what the Americans really mean, is it Independency, abolition of the Navigation Act or total repeal of those laws passed since* 1762? *Considers the first impossible but the latter might be obtained, though not by force of arms and rebellion. The best means to procure this object. Is well aware of the difficulties of his situation, but hopes he will endeavour to procure peace, so desirable at the present time.*

In Edward Montagu's hand. 2⅔ *quarto pages.*

JONATHAN SIMPSON to [EDWARD MONTAGU].

1775, *September* 1 *and* 4. *Halifax.—He would embark for England from this place, provided there was a good conveyance. Cannot return to Boston. Details the sufferings of the troops and loyal subjects in that town. Success of the rebels there. The British Flag and arms were never under more disgrace, though the troops do not lack courage as shown at Bunker's Hill. Considers Britain can never conquer America as all the colonies are united against her. If matters are not soon settled the colonies will be lost. Personal situation and proceedings of the rebels at Machias, the place to which he has banished himself. The British force is not sufficient to subdue America, and at the present rate she will soon lose her.*

Letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

V.ADMIRAL LORD HOWE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, November 4.—Found the enclosed on his return that morning from His Lordship's house. Transmits it as it is of a public nature.

Autograph letter signed. 1¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—4 Nov^{r} 1775. Lord Howe with a Letter from Lord Hyde. *Commission. America.*

Enclosure :—

LORD HYDE to V.ADMIRAL LORD HOWE.

1775, *November* 2. *Grosvenor Street.—Observations on the importance of the commission to be given him to negotiate with America. Suggestions for the future government of America.*

Autograph letter signed. 9 *folio pages.*

LORD NORTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, November 7.—Sends a note [not now with the letter]. Having opened the business to Lord Germain, is greatly perplexed how to extricate himself from present difficulty.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed :—L^{d} North 7 Nov^{r} 1775.

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LORD NORTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, November 7.—Will be glad to see him this evening between nine and ten, thinks he has found an expedient which will remove present difficulties.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—L[d] North 7 Nov[r] 1775.

JOHN ROBINSON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, November [7]. Tuesday, 3 o'clock, P.M.—The returns of the army will be furnished to Mr. Pownall who will explain to His Lordship what has passed on the subject. Lord North agrees with Lord Barrington's sentiments if the Duke of Grafton only wants the establishment, but thinks the effectives ought not to be granted as the precedent would be bad and the information dangerous.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—J. Robinson, Esq[r] Nov[r] 1775.

JOHN ROBINSON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, November 8. 15 minutes past 4 P.M. House of Commons.—Hopes His Lordship will agree to accept the Seals of one of the old Secretaries of State and so relieve Lord North of much anxiety.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Robinson Nov[r] 1775.

JOHN ROBINSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, November 8. Wednesday, 7 P.M. House of Commons.—Assures him Lord North and His Majesty both wish him to accept the Seal of Secretary of State though application is to be made to Lord W—th for that purpose.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *folio page.*

ALEXANDER SCHAW to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, November 8. Orange Street.—Listened with interest to the discussion held at His Lordship's office respecting the employment of troops destined for the southern provinces. Refers to opinions previously given on this subject. Probable effects that will follow the sending of troops to Charlestown. Necessity of conquering North Carolina first. Governor Martin thinks he could keep up his authority were it once re-established, without the assistance of regular troops. Has tried to shew His Lordship the advantages and disadvantages attending the proposed attempt in South and North Carolina.

Letter signed. 7¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Shaw 8 Nov[r] 1775.

Enclosure:—

Rates of Pilotage established by Act of Assembly for Cape Fear River in North Carolina.

In the same hand as above letter. 1 *folio page.*

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JOHN ROBINSON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

[1775, November 9.] Thursday morning, ¼ past 9.—Lord North after the House last night said he could never think of pressing him to accept an office that would make him miserable. Lord North is to see Lord Weymouth this morning and it is hoped he will accept, and that he [Lord Dartmouth] will have the Privy Seal to-day.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

JOHN ROBINSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, November 9. ¼ past 2 P.M.—Lord Weymouth is to see the King for the purpose of settling his appointment and Lord Dartmouth's having the Privy Seal.

Autograph letter signed. ½ *quarto page.*

LORD NORTH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

[1775, November 9.] Thursday evening. Downing Street.—Lord Weymouth has relinquished his claim to the Privy Seal and declared his willingness to accept the seals of either the Northern or Southern Department. Believes the King wishes Lord Dartmouth to receive the Seal as soon as possible. Lord Germain's writ must be issued and he return to the House.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

JOHN ROBINSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

[1775, November 9.] Thursday night, past 10 o'clock.—Lord Weymouth accepts the Southern department. The Privy Seal is ready to be delivered to His Lordship, and it only remains for him to fix the date of his resignation of his present office, which decision is necessary for all parties concerned in this business. Reasons for postponing such till Monday on Lord Dartmouth's account, bnt the advisability of settling it on Saturday with regard to Lord Germain.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

PETER LIVIUS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, November 10. Quebec.—Favoured per Mr. Davison. Arrival after a tedious, difficult and dangerous voyage of one hundred and twenty-six days. Found the province in great confusion; brought some distressed artificers and seamen from St. John's to this town and they have helped to defend it. Fears for the safety of Montreal and Quebec against an attack by the rebels. Hopes for speedy succour either by British troops or foreign ones in British pay. States reasons which he thinks will lead the Canadians to soon tire of the conduct of the rebels towards them and drive them back to the King's standard. Reminds His Lordship of his promise that he should succeed Mr. Hey and hopes arrangements will be made accordingly.

Autograph letter signed. 8½ *quarto pages.*

WLLIAM JACKSON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, November 14. Ch. Ch. (?)—Congratulations on his being relieved from so troublesome a charge as that of the American colonies, and on his recent appointment. Family inquiries.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—W^m Jackson Esq^r, 14 Nov^r 1775.

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HUGH FINLAY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, November 17. Quebec.—Reasons for not writing more frequently. Introduces the bearer of this letter, William Grant, Seigneur of St. Roc, who is well acquainted with all recent transactions here. The intentions of the rebels to seize all Government officers. Particular aversion shown towards him in his duties as Deputy Post Master General in succession to Doctor Franklin. Craves protection for himself and family. Necessity for early arrival of troops to save this town. Has been much disappointed in the Canadians, but many hundreds will stand by the Governor to the last.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Finlay 17 Nov[r] 1775.

J[ONATHAN] W[ATSON] to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

[1775], November 17. Friday evening.—Informs him of the proceedings of some back woodsmen towards the Indians in Virginia which was the cause of the last Indian war quelled by Lord Dunmore and which cost 150,000*l.* at least. Apprehensions of another attack led him to suggest the division of that province into East and West Virginia. Measures that would subdue the rebellion.

Autograph letter signed J. W. 2 *quarto pages.*

A. V. to MRS. TOLVER.

1775, Novembre 22, Thursday [should be 23].—To be left at Mr. Yates's, Stationer, Canton Street, Haymarket. Is informed Count de Bonvouloir had set out for Philadelphia by one of the last boats, fully authorised by the Court of France. Gives other incidental information respecting this gentleman. Quotes part of a letter received from an Italian friend concerning officers from France and Germany going to join the rebels. France foments the rebellion secretly and many Canadians favour her. Felicitations on Lord Dartmouth's recent appointment.

French. Autograph letter signed A. V. 2½ *folio pages. With seal* (*broken*).

JONATHAN WATSON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, November 24. Suffolk Street.—Desires if any Commissioners are sent to treat with the Americans his son may be one of them as his own age and health prevent him taking any active part. Congratulations upon His Lordship's recent appointment. His second son needs employment as a clerk. Fears Lord Dunmore reckons he can recover his authority with fewer troops than he (Watson) thinks possible. Is sure a fleet of transports would find difficulty in landing in Virginia till March. Refers to a plan for a tax at home which he will mention to His Lordship or Lord North if desired.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Watson of Virginia 1775.

CONGRESS.

Minutes and Resolution. Transmitted in an extract of a letter [from a New York delegate in Congress, James Duane, to the New York Convention] dated 28 November 1775, which letter has an additional

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note [of 11 December] naming several persons appointed 10 December to command the fortress in Hudson's River, and is accompanied by a Plan for Regulating Trade with the Indians on the Ohio and for keeping them in Peace with the Colonies. The Minutes of Congress refer to the safe conveyance to America of vessels laden with goods from France; the resolution, to Washington's instructions to apply to the four New England provinces for help to complete levies.

3½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—American.

[ ] to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, December 4.—"With that heart felt reverence w^ch goodness and greatness united, necessarily inspires, does a sincere friend of your soul importune for a few moments serious attention." Disapproves of present parliamentary measures towards America. Wishes Lord Dartmouth could yet be the means of bringing about a reconciliation. Reasons for withholding his name, and the way in which a reply addressed to Amynton would find him.

Original. 3⅛ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Anon. Dec^r 1775.

Governor William Tryon to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, December 7. Ship "Dutchess of Gordon" off New York.—Thanks him for obtaining the King's leave of absence for him to return to England. Severity of the climate prevents ships landing in that province. No revolution ever equalled what he has experienced there.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^r Tryon, 17^th Dec^r 1775. On American Affairs, & his Necessity of quitting N. York.

Enclosure:—

Governor William Tryon. Address to the Inhabitants of New York. Sent to the Mayor with a note dated Ship "Dutchess of Gordon" New York Harbour, 4th December 1775 *asking him to lay it before the Corporation.*

Printed broadside headed New York, 6th December 1775.

A. V. to Mrs. Tolver.

1775, Decembre 9. Samedi.—The French Count of whom he has already spoken (see *supra*, November 22) left for Philadelphia last October in the "Charming Betsy," Captain John Farmer. Quotes a letter received from Montreal acquainting that commerce there is stopped by the rebels who are poisoning the minds of the people with false ideas of liberty. Notwithstanding this intelligence believes the greater part of the province will remain loyal.

Autograph letter signed A. V. French. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A. V. to M^rs Tolver 1775.

John Cambel, Lieutenant of Engineers, to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, December 9.—Anticipates an interview with Lord Germain respecting West Florida and Governor Browne. Assures him he does

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not expect the smallest advantage and only seeks for a full, candid hearing and determination in the matter.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Eng^{r} Campbell 9 Dec^{r} 1775.

SIR JAMES ADOLPHUS OUGHTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, December 9. Caroline Park.—Expresses his pleasure at Lord Dartmouth's recent appointment. Sentiments respecting His Lordship's character. Hopes the vigorous measures now carrying on will be effectual. Has heard that Captain Balfour is chosen for General Howe's Aide-de-camp. Surprise at receiving no news from Boston. General Scot's sudden death and Colonel Skene going to offer his services to Lord North as his successor in the county.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—S^{r} Ad. Oughton 9 Dec^{r} 1775.

CONNECTICUT.

1775, December 14.—Passed by General Court or Assembly held at New Haven. An Act for Restraining and Punishing Persons who are inimical to the Liberty of this and the rest of the United Colonies and for directing Proceedings therein.

2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—America Ex.

MONSR. DE LOTBINIERE.

1775, December 15. Londres.—Precis de l'Affaire du Sieur de Lotbiniere pour ses deux seigneuries du Lac Champlain.

Printed. 2 *copies.* 3¼ *pages. French.*

Endorsed:—Precis de Mons^{r} de Lotbiniere 26 Dec^{r} 1775.

SIR GREY COOPER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, December 17. Parliament Street.

Letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—S^{r} Grey Cooper Dec^{r} 17, 1775, respecting the Clause of Amendment to the American Act, proposed by the Bristol Merchants.

BERNARD PAGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, December 20. Joppa.—A long letter apparently from a Minister of the Gospel giving a faithful account of the attitude of the people, and warning Lord Dartmouth that if he knew one half of what the writer knows of America, he would not persist, but be instantly for peace, or resign. (It is printed in Peter Force's American Archives, Series 4, Vol. 4, col. 358.)

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 3 *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—B. Page Maryland 20 Dec^{r} 1775.

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Rhode Island.

[1775, December 25].—Form of Oath of Allegiance administered to the Inhabitants of Rhode Island by General Lee of the Rebel Army.
1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Oath administer[d] by Gen[l] Lee Rhode Island Gen[l] Rebel Army America.

Intelligence from Quebec.

1775, December 25.—The "Elizabeth" store ship left Quebec the 22d of November to proceed to Boston but was driven off the coast of America by contrary winds. She has arrived at Portsmouth and the master, Lieutenant Parry, has come to town. A letter from Captain Hamilton of the "Lizard" to Admiral Graves says General Carleton was come to Quebec and a Council of War had resolved to defend the town to the utmost; strength of garrison there. The "Polly" came down the river with the "Elizabeth" having on board a deserter from the rebels and dispatches from Carleton. The rebels had not on the 22d November come down from the upper part of the river. About 500 belonging to Arnold had crossed and come under the walls of Quebec but dispersed when fired upon.
1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—25[th] Dec[r] 1775. Intelligence from Quebec.

The Reverend Thomas Rankin to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, December 28. Philadelphia.—Reasons for laying before him an account of the situation of public affairs in these colonies. Is acquainted with several members of the Continental and Provincial Congresses, and they all seem to wish for the restoration of harmony and union between Great Britain and the colonies, upon such a foundation as would be honorable to the former and defend the liberties of the latter. Recommends mercy rather than justice in the present dispute. His sentiments on the natural disposition of Americans. Suggestions as to the manner of bringing about a reconciliation. Present disturbances very detrimental to the spread of religion.
Autograph letter signed. 3½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev[d] M[r] Rankin Philad[a] Dec[r] 1775.

Cyrus Griffin to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, December 30. Grange Court, Cary Street, Lincoln's Inn.—Has frequently done himself the honour of waiting upon his Lordship but has never been so fortunate as to obtain a personal interview. Believes an accommodation with America can only be brought about by a plan similar to the enclosed. Distress of Americans from the present deplorable situation. Apology for troubling his Lordship with this.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—C. Griffin 30 Dec[r] 1775, w[th] plan of reconciliation.

Enclosure:—

Plan of reconciliation between Great Britain and her Colonies. In Cyrus Griffin's hand. 4 *quarto pages.*

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Earl of Suffolk to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, December 30. Duke Street, Westminster.—"The Busyness which requires our Meeting tomorrow has prevented me calling on you at Blackheath this morning. It is that which regards the foreign Troops. The Landgrave of Hesse has transmitted his Proposals for 12,000 men. The Prince of Orange those of the States for the Scotch Brigade—the latter are clogged with such conditions as I believe will be thought inadmissible. I don't foresee any Difficulty in the Hessian Transaction." Is sure nothing will be proposed likely to be disapproved of by his Lordship.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—E. of Suffolk, 30 Decr 1775, on the Hessian & Dutch Troops.

Intelligence.

[1775, December].—Paper of Intelligence, not dated, beginning "The following is a Copy of what was written under a Bill of such Goods as was immediately to be procured, the List of the Goods I had not time to Copy but they were various sorts, Gunpowder, Lead, Flints &c. to the Amount of Twenty five Thousand pounds Sterling." The intelligence explains the method of purchasing and paying for goods in Holland and France, and narrates various proceedings in America.

Copy. 3 *folio pages.* [A duplicate of this was sent by Governor Tryon on the 5th January 1776 and is in the Public Record Office, series America and West Indies, Vol. 186, fo. 255.]

Endorsed:—America.

Act to Prevent Illegal Meetings.

N.D. [1775].—An Act for the better preventing of illegal Meetings in any of His Majesty's Colonies in North America.

Draft. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—dft of Act.

Dennis De Berdt to [Lord Dartmouth].

1775, Wednesday night, 7 o'clock.—The Petition drawn up by the deputed Committee of the meeting of American Merchants of last week was unanimously agreed to. Wishes it may be approved by the administration. Forwards another letter from his brother, Mr. Reed.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr De Berdt. 1775.

"Draft of Commission with Notes."

N. D. [1775].—Paper so endorsed. No names or dates given. It empowers to protect the loyalists and trade, and to restore peace and order.

8¼ *large folio pages.*

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House of Commons to the King.

N. D. [1775].—Draft of an address, with alterations in Lord Dartmouth's hand. Expressing their astonishment that a rebellion at this time actually exists in Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Connecticut and their concern to see that it has been encouraged in several of the other colonies. Can never so far desert the trust reposed in them as to relinquish any part of the sovereign authority over all His Majesty's dominions, nor allow that any of them ought to be exempted from sharing in the common burdens necessary to the whole. When the colonies shall have made sufficient provision for the support of their respective civil governments, will in that case think the continuance of the laws for raising a revenue in America no longer necessary. Desire His Majesty to take most effectual measures to enforce obedience to the supreme legislature.

6½ *pages.*

Another similar draft.

9 *folio pages.*

House of Commons.

N. D. [? 1775].—Paper endorsed:—"Reason of the Commons for disagreeing with the Amendments made by the Lords in the Massachusets fishery Bill." The reason given is that by these Amendments the privilege of fishery would be taken away, by implication, from the colonies of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and others and the commanders of the ships of war be involved in perplexity in the execution of their duty.

1 *page.*

Memorandum by [Lord Dartmouth].

N.D. [? 1775].—To send directions to the Admiralty to reinforce the squadron in America with 600 marines and to prepare transports for their conveyance. To order three regiments of foot and two of light dragoons from Ireland. States how these can be replaced in Ireland.

Autograph. ⅔ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Mem. for the Cabinet.

Lord Drummond.

N. D. [1775].—Paper by Lord D[rummon]d containing Hints that may lead to a permanent Reconciliation.

Autograph. 9½ *folio pages, draft form.*

Endorsed:—L. D[d] Rec[d] from L[d] D——d on Accommodation with America.

Note.—For a duplicate of this, dated 11 June 1775, *see* Lord Dartmouth's MSS. Eleventh Report, Appendix, Part V., p. 378.

Doctor John Fothergill to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, 12th instant. Harper Street.—"I scarcely know how to attempt to write, nor yet am wholly at ease to be silent on the

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present interesting situation of this Kingdom." Mentions circumstances which have given him an opportunity of being acquainted with America, amongst others the fact of his having corresponded with some of the most sensible people in most of the colonies for over thirty years. Discants on what is best to be done at the present juncture.

Autograph letter signed. 5 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—D[r] Fothergill 1775 *America.*

EARL GOWER to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775.—"I am much oblig'd to you for y[r] attention to me in Sending me the account of our unconsequential victory at Boston, the Stroke was certainly necessary." Is afraid the only benefit derived is more security in future to the army and town of Boston and that preparations must be made for a further campaign and no time lost in taking measures.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Earl Gower—1775.

CAPTAIN ELIHU HALL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775.—Upon the subject of his memorial and events upon which it is founded. Some lucrative post in any of the provinces may afford compensation for his great losses.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Cap. Elihu Hall, 1775.

MAJOR-GENERAL HOWE.

1775.—Plan of a Disposition according to which it is apprehended the Troops destined to Act under the Command of Lieutenant General Gage Commander in Chief, may be employed with the best effect in North America in the year 1775.

5⅓ *folio pages.*

Endorsed (in Lord Dartmouth's hand):—Plan rec[d] from Maj. Gen[l] Howe 1775.

LORD HYDE.

N. D. [1775].—Paper by [Lord Hyde]. Proposing measures for bringing the rebels back to their allegiance.

Draft in Lord Hyde's hand. 2¾ *pages.*

The REVEREND N. [?] MADAN to LORD D[ARTMOUTH].

1775, Wednesday. Woodcote End.—Death of Mr. Scawen. His heart is pained for the dear King. Believes there is no thinking man in all Massachusetts Bay or Great Britain who entertains a single doubt of the right of taxation. Remarks on the prevalent spirit of republican anarchy and the offering of terms of accommodation. No good can be expected if Government suffers itself to be deceived into a notion that the Acts of taxation are the causes of complaint. If the Americans

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cannot be subdued all is over. Apologises for saying so much upon a subject about which he hopes he understands but little.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev^{d} M^{r} Madan 1775.

Hints from Sir Adolphus Oughton.

N. D. [? 1775.]

Autograph MS. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Hints from S^{r} Ad^{s} Oughton relative to carrying on the War in America.

Parliament.

N. D. [1775].—Resolutions, apparently of a Parliamentary Committee. 1st. That it is their opinion that the King's subjects in all parts of the Dominions of His Majesty are one people equally entitled to all the personal rights and privileges of all Englishmen. 2d. That Great Britain is the head of the British Empire. 3d. That the Legislatures of the several American colonies do enjoy every privilege consistent with the principles of the constitution. 4th. That the American colonies have been raised to their present state of opulence and importance by the support of the Kingdom and ought to contribute to their respective civil establishments accordingly. 5th. That the sums raised are inadequate. 6th. When monies raised are sufficient, all taxes granted by authority of Parliament for raising an American revenue shall cease. 7th. Refers to commerce. 8th. Is a reconsideration of the laws by which the commerce is at present regulated.

Draft. 6$\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*

[John Pownall.]

N. D. [1775].—Paper endorsed:—"Propositions for consideration; submitted by Mr. Pownall." Provisional powers to be granted in commission to General Gage. Proclamation for seizing and arresting any of the persons who fired on the King's troops on 19 April. The Army to be augmented. A general embargo upon all ships in the ports of New England. Governor Tryon to summon a meeting of the Council in New York to express to them the King's displeasure at their conduct. Fort at New York to be put in a position of defence.

2$\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*

N. D. [1775].—Sketch, by Mr. Pownall, of a resolution for the House of Lords. To address the King that commissioners be authorised to enquire into the causes of the disorders and discontents at present existing in the American colonies.

In John Pownall's hand. 1$\frac{3}{4}$ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—proposition.

N. D. [1775].—Propositions. "That the Commission of Commander in Chief to General Gage be revoked." That Sir J. Amherst be appointed to the command of General Gage and the Commander in Chief be authorised to augment the establishment of different corps in America by levies there. That an Act be immediately passed for suspending for twelve months the execution of militia laws in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Papers transmitted by

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General Gage to be immediately referred to the Attorney and Solicitor General for their opinion whether any acts committed do amount to high treason.

Draft. 2⅝ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Propositions.

N. D. [1775].—Propositions by Mr. Pownall. Suggests the reduction of America (Quebec, Nova Scotia and the Floridas excepted) to obedience by the power of a naval force. Provision to be made for refugees. Towns which ought to be possessed by the King's troops are Boston, New York and Charles Town. A respectable force must be kept up in Canada. These propositions are submitted upon an idea of the propriety of desisting from all further plans of hostility in New England by internal operation.

Draft. 3⅛ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Propositions, by M^{r} Pownall.

ROYALIST MILITIA.

N.D. [1774 or 1775.]—Colonel Jacob Blackwell. A Return of his regiment of militia in Queens County.

Original. 3 *pages.*

RICHARD SPEAIGHT to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

N. D. [1775].—

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Rich^{d} Speaight of N. York, soliciting the Aid of Gov^{t} for his Losses by the Rebels.

CAPTAIN JOHN STANTON.

N. D. [1775].—Thoughts on what the Americans really are and what they hereafter may be.

Original, signed. 9 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Thoughts on America by Cap^{n} Stanton.

[MR. THOMSON.]

N. D. [1775].—Regulations humbly submitted to Lord North for the better preventing the smuggling of Tea, &c. by the French and Dutch into our American Colonies and the West Indies and for improving the East India Trade thither and considerations on the present state of our Trade with the Spaniards and Dutch in the East Indies. In a wrapper on which is written "M^{r} Thomson has the honour to present his respectful compliments to Lord Dartmouth and sends him the enclos'd Thursday."

Original in Mr. Thomson's hand. 3 *pages.*

Endorsed on wrapper:—M^{r} Thomson.

TRADE with AMERICA.

N. D. [1775].—Paper respecting trade and commerce with the American Colonies and directions to be given with regard to seizures by the Admiralty Court.

4¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Abstract.

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PAUL WENTWORTH.

[1775] Paper, not dated, in Paul Wentworth's hand, entitled "Ideas which may be woven into a plan, tending to promote a happy Issue to the present critical state of Affairs in America as they regard Great Britain." [See his letter of 24th June p. 319.].

22½ *pages.* [The same paper is in Lord Auckland's collection, but not in Wentworth's hand.]

JOHN WILLIAMS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, Tuesday morning. No. 7, Furnival's Inn.—Encloses the paper containing several regulations for America which he submitted to Lord North in 1772. The third article is a very interesting part for Government.

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Williams 1775. Cust. House Regulat^ns^ for America.

Enclosure:—

1772, *June* 4. *London.—Regulations humbly submitted to the Right Honourable Lord North for the better securing the Duties upon Wine, Fruit, Oil and other Dutiable Goods in America, and likewise for preventing the Foreign Trade on that Continent.*

Autograph, signed. 8⅔ *folio pages.*

Precis of American Correspondence during the year 1775. Fifteen papers under different endorsements stitched together with red silk and consisting of précis of the correspondence of Lord Dartmouth with General Gage; of the circular letters to the Governors; of the correspondence with the other Offices and the King's Servants; and of that with the Governors of the different provinces, Quebec, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Connecticut, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Plantations General and the Indian Agents.

275½ *folio pages.*

Precis of Correspondence with Lieutenant General Gage relative to proceedings in America in 1774 and 1775.

47½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Precis. Ex.

Volume bound in brown morocco, entitled "Massachuset's Bay 1775," and containing copies of correspondence between Lord Dartmouth and General Gage during that year.

325 *pages.* 9¼″ × 6″.

LORD GEORGE GERMAIN to MAJOR-GENERAL HOWE.

1776, January 5. Whitehall.—Announces the arrival of Major-General Burgoyne on 27 December. Approves reasons given for not removing from Boston. Will write more fully about Howe's plan of operation for the ensuing campaign. Discusses the means suggested to increase the force to what is necessary for that plan. Explains arrange-

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ments being made for that purpose and for supplying articles required. Steps are being taken to relieve Quebec. Hopes to send Carleton 10,000 men early in March. Merchandise in Boston to be put in store if it will not create any hazard in evacuating that town. Names vacancies to which he may post officers, and commissions he is authorised to grant.

Copy. 8½ *pages.* [The original letter is in the Royal Institution, American MSS., Vol. 2, No. 29.]

RATES OF POSTAGE.

1776, January 5. General Post Office, London.—A Table of the Rates of Postage in Great Britain and Ireland. The British Dominions in America are included in this table.

Printed. 1 *page.*

GOVERNOR WILLIAM FRANKLIN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, January 7. Perth Amboy.—He entrusted letters by an express sent to him by Mr. Henry Kelly from New York. Information received last night of the capture of the man with the express, at Elizabeth Town, by order of Lord Stirling. Noise this affair will make; considers it probable congress will order both Mr. Skinner and himself to be seized. His determination to stand his ground. His uncertainty whether Mr. Kelly has been treacherous in this affair. Report that the French Ambassador in England knows everything that passes in the Privy Council; his communication with the Colony Agents there. De Berdt is supposed to have means of obtaining from the public offices copies of the Governors' letters.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Perth Amboy Jan^{y} 7, 1776 Gov^{r} Franklin. *Packet intercepted by L^{d}. Sterling.*

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL G. CHRISTIE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, January 9. Leicester Square.—He desires to succeed to a vacancy in the 60th regiment, caused by the death of Lieutenant-General McKay. Considers his exertions in the new levies an additional pretension, and his sufferings in private matters from the Rebels last year make an augmentation to his finances necessary and salutary. Asks his Lordship's protection.

Letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L^{t} Col. Christie 9 Jan^{y} 19 1776, to succeed Gen^{l} Prevost.

1776, January 10. The Constitutional Gazette (47).

Printed. 4 *quarto pages.*

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL CHRISTIE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, January 13. Leicester Square.—He thanks his Lordship for his attempts to serve him. It is his duty to submit to His Majesty, who does not seem to think him entitled to a mark of Royal favor.

Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—L^{t} Co^{l} Christie 13 Jan^{y} 1776.

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Reverend Thomas Rankin to [Lord Dartmouth].

1776, January 15. Philadelphia.—Has long checked an impulse to give his Lordship a plain and impartial picture of matters in these Colonies. His sentiments concerning the present state of affairs in America. Considers that the former harmony might be restored without the effusion of any more blood. Expresses the desire of gentlemen of the Continental and Provincial Congresses, with whom he has conversed, for union honourable to the parent state and by which the wished-for liberties of the colonies could be secured. His experience shows that the people in general detest the thoughts of a Republican Government. Offers thoughts which may serve as preliminaries to the desired union; first, rescinding of the Acts of Parliament of the previous session; 2nd, an Act of indemnity for all past transactions; 3d, a cessation of arms; 4th, the ports opened by the Americans; 5th, a deputation from each assembly to settle measures with one sent by His Majesty and Parliament.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *folio pages.* [Reproduced in B. F. Stevens's Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America.]

Endorsed:—Rev. M^{r} Rankin Philadelphia Jan^{y} 1776.

John Pownall to [Lord Dartmouth].

1776, January 16.—He thinks he may now make sure of the object to which he has so long looked forward. Will consider himself unfortunate indeed if anything comes between the lip and the cup of comfort held out to him by his Lordship.

Autograph letter signed. ¾ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—J. Pownall Esq^{r} 16 Jan^{y} 1776.

Lord George Germain to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, January 23. Plantation Office.—Resignation of Mr. Pownall. Mr. Cumberland to be appointed Secretary to the Board, and Mr. Serle Clerk of the reports.

Autograph letter, third person. ½ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—L^{d} G. Germain 23 J^{y} 1776.

[ ] to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, January 25.—With a Greek Inscription. Paper unsigned, beginning,—"The inclos'd ancient inscription waits on Lord Dartmouth, which was found in a Village no far from London." As the Greek inscription seems prophetical of our present disputes with America, and to hold forth the language she holds forth to the Mother Country, considers it may be worthy of the consideration of His Majesty and the Ministry. Explanation given to the said inscription by the Vicar of "our Parish."

1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Anon. 1776 *Greek Inscription.*

John Amall to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, January 26. Morden College, No. 7.—His interview with Pownall on the 12th instant, concerning the vessel locked up by the

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ice at Amsterdam, loaded by Hodgson for the rebel Hancock, and which when the navigation is restored will clear out at the Texell, with Dutch colours, bound to St. Eustatius. Pownall's answer on the subject. Wishes to deliver a plan which would effectually prevent such supplies going to the Provincials. "As their High Mightinesses have Issued a placart Prohibiting Furnishing the Americans with any Warlike Stores, Our Men of War and Cruisers should Detain & Bring up all such Vessells as have such articles on board, and I would advise paying the Dutchmen the Value of the Arms, for which we have presidents in the Rebellion In Scotland in the Reign of George primo." Advice on the subject. Hopes his hints may prove useful.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Amall 1776.

Lieutenant-Governor Thomas Oliver to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, January 26. Boston.—Places before him the state of things here. The arrival of Gage and Burgoyne in England will afford every information prior to their departure. Since then a work has been begun by the rebels on the Cambridge shore. Dissensions in the enemy's army have now been got over. Account received of the attack on Quebec on the 1st of January. Thinks the Americans will resist to the utmost of their power; they are building ships of force, importing ammunition and warlike stores and casting cannon and shot. Letters of marque he has granted to armed vessels bound from Boston to the West Indies. The state of Boston; number of inhabitants, loyal and other. Desires to know how to dispose of the Council and other civil officers with their families should the place be abandoned.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *large pages.* [A duplicate original is in the Public Record Office, America and West Indies, Vol. 297, fo. 145.]

Endorsed:—Lieut[t] Gov[r] Oliver 26 Jany. 1776.

[ ] to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, January 26. London.—Letter not signed. By hints dropped in private company has gathered that a treasonable correspondence is intended to be held with America, by means of a liquid, the effect of which will not be legible until the paper is heated by fire. Hopes this information may lead to its discovery. He is ignorant to whom the letter will be directed, but imagines to some person in New Jersey.

Original. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Anon[s]—1776 Arnett.

William Cruden to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, February 20. Russel Street, Covent Garden.—Quotes from a letter received from his eldest son in North Carolina who testifies to the loyalty of more than one half of that province to Government, to the heat of those on the American side—they would accept no terms of Great Britain, but what they themselves choose, and who hopes the Ministry will pursue firm measures.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev[d] M[r] Cruden Feb. 1776 *N. Carolina.*

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SIR JAMES JAY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, February 22. No. 15, Cecil Street, Strand.—Particulars he offers to his Lordship's consideration, which seem likely to contribute towards an amicable accommodation. Some of the towns are likely to be destroyed by the Americans in their own defence. The destruction of New York on this principle is already determined upon. Desires these propositions may be considered merely as the outlines of pacification.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—S[r] J. Jay 22 Feb[y] 1776. Ex.

THOMAS DAVISON to JOHN ROBINSON.

1776, February 23. No. 30, Wimpole Street.—Accompanied by another letter dated 27 March and a calculation concerning the rum to be furnished for the use of the troops destined this year for Canada and the ports of America.

Copy. 2¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of M[r] Davisons Letters to M[r] Robinson dated 20 Febry and 27 Mar 1776.

JOHN ROBINSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, February 24.—Lord North has no objection to the publication proposed. He has directed M[r] Robinson to speak to M[r] Pownall on the subject of Captain Fenton's letters.

Autograph letter signed. ¾ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Robinson 24 Feb. 1776 *Cap Fenton.*

Enclosures:—

CAPTAIN FENTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, *February 20.—Encloses the answer* [*not here*] *he received to his card to Pownall respecting his appointment. He believes nothing will be done until Lord Germain is addressed upon the subject. Asks Dartmouth to continue his kind offices towards him, as the Bill of Exchange, promised by Lord North to be discharged, will be shortly due.*

Autograph letter in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—20 *Feb[y]* 1776 *Capt[n] Fenton to L[d] Dartmouth On His Appointm[t] & the payment of his Bill due the 29[th].*

JOHN FENTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, *February 23.—Thompson, Corner of Orange Street, Near Leicester Fields.—Bill of Exchange nearly due, Lord North has promised it shall be discharged. Asks Lord Dartmouth to let him know. Speaks of sending a letter from Governor Wentworth, presumes it to be a necessary step, as his intended appointment is not forwarding.*

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

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WILLIAM MOLLESON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1776, February 28. America Square.—He expresses his sincere regret that his Lordship's benevolent intentions have been frustrated by designing men on the other side of the water. The disagreeable predicament of the Merchants trading to North America. Application made to Lord North for some future relief.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—W. Molleson Esqr 28 Feby. 1776.

GOVERNOR FRANCIS LEGGE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, March 18. Halifax.—No. 61. Duplicate. Probability of the reduction of this Province (Nova Scotia) by the Rebels in the spring. The efforts he is making to oppose their attempts. The last letters from General Howe inform him of the embarkation of 200 families from Boston for this place which will distress it greatly as provisions are not to be had on any account. Memorials he enclosed in his letter No 58. Treasonable consultations of the inhabitants of Cumberland. Fourteen of them are supposed to have gone to New England, to invite the enemy into this province. His movements in consequence.

Letter signed. 4⅔ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—No 61 Duplicate.

DENNIS DE BERDT to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1776, March 19.—He is concerned in a newly discovered whale fishery on the Coast of Brazil. A copy of the memorial for Lord North on behalf of himself and others accompanies this letter. Asks his Lordship's interest, that his humble claim may not be overlooked.

Letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr De Berdt 19 Mch 1776. *Whale fishery on the Coast of Brazil. Ex.*

Enclosure:—

MEMORIAL to LORD NORTH.

Dennis de Berdt on behalf of himself and others. Petitions for such premium or bounty, immunities, and advantages, as shall be thought meet.

Unsigned. 3 *folio pages.*

SIR JAMES JAY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, March. Dated Monday 10 o'clock. Cecil Street.—Although his Lordship was no longer in the American department, Sir James Jay thought he would be happy to devote a few moments to consider and facilitate measures which might spare the effusion of blood, and accommodate in a peaceful way the unhappy differences in America.

Autograph. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Sr Jas Jay Mch 1776.

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[William Knox] to [Lord Dartmouth].

1776, March.—"Wrath my dear Lord is gone forth and the plague will follow if some Aaron does not speedily make reconciliation":—Desires him to call upon certain parties, to propose an alteration in the Instructions. Suggests an alteration in the clause about the Delegates, which authorizes the convention. Considers the exceptionable clause should stand as it does, and that the Colonies are not to be restored to peace until all is done that is there required.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr K—— Mch 1776.

Nova Scotia.

1776, April 17. Minute of a Council held at Halifax, Signed Richard Bulkeley.—Touching Sir Wm. Howe's representation setting forth the high demands made for the hire of buildings for His Majesty's troops and the inhabitants lately arrived in this province from Boston. Resolved that Messrs. Green, Bridge and Allan, together with quarter-masters appointed by the Commander in Chief, proceed to enquire into and report on the subject.

Original, signed. 1⅛ *folio pages.*

John Thornton to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, April 19. Clapham.—Requests his Lordship's patronage for Mr. Rowland. Hopes he will recommend Dartmouth College to Lord Howe and his brother, that if they give no just occasion of offence, they may not be wantonly hurt. Considers it too evident that we are only entering upon the horrors ensuing in America. Very small prospect of a happy conclusion.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—J. Thornton Esqr April 1776.

Lord Sandwich to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, April 24. Admiralty.—Enclosures he is sending on the subject of licenses granted from this office.

Autograph. Third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosures:—

Paper endorsed, "Extract of the Prohibitory Act."
1½ *folio pages.*

1776, *April. Admiralty Office.—Observations with respect to the Licenses granted from this Office for Ships to carry Stores and Provisions to North America, in persuance of a Clause in the Prohibitory Act.*
Unsigned. 4¾ *folio pages.*

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Captain Hugh Bromedge to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, April 30. "Savage" Sloop Off Sandy Hook, New York.—Refers to a previous letter, acquainting him of his having conveyed Governor Montfort Browne to Pensacola. Capture of that Governor and Mr. Babbidge, his secretary, at New Providence, whence they were conveyed to New London, Connecticut Government, by the rebel fleet. He himself had been called off that station to repair to Boston and on his arrival there he informed Admiral Graves and the General of an expedition fitting out by the rebels in Georgia to seize the King's magazine and stores at the capital of the Bahama Islands. The sailing of the "Falcon" to claim these stores for His Majesty; the refusal of the islanders and their admission of the Americans. Details of an attack made upon the "Savage," while near the shore at Staten Island covering the watering place for the troops, by some hundreds of riflemen of Lord Stirling's corps. By directing fire on them he kept them at bay. He is now under sailing orders with despatches from Captain Parker to Governor Tryon and to Admiral Shuldham and General Howe at Halifax.

Letter signed. 3¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Cap. Bromedge N. York, Apl. 1776.

Draft of a Royal Commission.

[1776, April, end.]—Granting power to extend pardon to the rebels under certain conditions, and authority to protect those colonies to which peace, order and legal government are restored.

7¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Dra[t] of Commission.

Rum Contract.

1776, May 2.—Lords of The Treasury on behalf of the King. Articles of agreement with Richard Atkinson.

Copy. 2¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy London 2[d] May 1776. Contract with R[d] Atkinson Esq. to supply 100,000 Gall. Rum to the Army in America.

George Green to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, May 4. London.—Quotes from letters which have passed between himself and Lord Germain on the subject of his (Green's) dismissal. Declares his readiness to testify his loyalty to the King, and his abhorrence of all lawless and rebellious proceedings. Refers to Governor Hutchinson for a full account of himself and his conduct at Boston. His earnest wish to be employed in any manner which Lord Dartmouth could think proper in His Majesty's service.

Letter signed. 10 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Green 4 May 1776.

Instructions [for Lord and General Howe].

[1776, May 6.]—Draft of Royal Instructions to . . . . . our Commissioners for enquiring into the State and Condition of Our

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INTELLIGENCE from QUEBEC.

1776, June 10. Whitehall.—Information of the arrival of His Majesty's ships "Isis," "Surprise," and "Martin," at Quebec May 6. Landing of 200 men. Their march out to attack the besiegers who were soon found to be in precipitate retreat. Recapture of the Gaspée. Movements of the enemy. Further arrival of troops. Troops under Burgoyne, a little below the Island of Coudre. No assault attempted by the rebels upon Quebec, after that of 31 December.

2⅓ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Intelligence from Quebec rec[d] 10 June 1776.

EDWARD SNEYD to MONTFORT BROWN[E].

1776, Sunday June 16 continued on Sunday 27 (*sic*). Windham.—Thanking him for the money. Wishes he were with him. Effect such an application would have upon the Windham people. He has written to Mr. Shaw and Colonel Fitch about the brig's books. Desires Browne to write about them. Encloses a list of bills belonging to Mr. Page. Sends congratulations due on 4 June, from all. Asks him to speak to Colonel Dyer about his wish to join him.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Letter Edward Sneyd Esq. 27 June 1776. T. Barrett P.S.

EDWARD SNEYD to HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR BROWN[E] at Middletown.

1776, June 26. Windham.—Per favour of Captain Ledlie. Tillidge has begun Browne's picture. Sneyd expects to convey it. Colonel Dyer's wish to get leave for him from Governor Trumbull. Captain Ledlie expects Governor Browne at Hartford. A colt given to him by a Mr. Mabben. Hopes he is better. Wonders at Ledlie's haste to depart from Windham.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Letter. Edw[d] Sneyd Esq[r] 26 June 1776. Tho[s] Barrett P: S:

DENNIS DE BERDT to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1776, July 1. London.—Quotes from a letter received,—"In an intercepted letter of Governor Franklin's some time ago to Lord Dartmouth there was an account of your being chosen Agent, and that your Merit was procuring by some unfair means copy's of his Letters and transmitting them to this Country. That he understood you had some share of his Lordship's confidence which you abused, and therefore cautioned him against you." Declares the accusation to be false, and refutes the charge.

Letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] De Berdt, 1 July 1776.

WILLIAM SANFORD HUTCHINSON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, July 1.—His father's services cause him to expect every favour from Government. Assurances from his Lordship and Lord North.

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Sets forth his position. Loss sustained by his father, upon whom he totally depends. Hopes that Government will relieve him in his distress.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Mr W. Hutchinson 1 July 1776.

Intelligence from General Howe.

1776, July 5. Whitehall.—Despatches received from General Howe by Capt. Duddingstone dated 7 and 8 June. News of the embarkation of troops, waiting to proceed to Sandy Hook. The General's opinion of the advisability of making a landing upon Sandy Hook. His intended movements to gain information of the state of the rebel army, and to be in readiness to receive the Hessians, in case of their arrival before the fleet from Halifax. Capture of the "Hope" ordnance storeship, in Boston Bay. The master suspected of treachery. Arrival of Highlanders at Halifax.

2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed :—Intelligence from Genl. Howe arrived 5 July, 1776.

1776, May 10—July 11.—Extracts from the Boston and New Hampshire Newspapers.

Printed. 1 *large folio page.*

William Pollock to [Lord Dartmouth].

1776, July 19. Whitehall.—Sends for his signature a receipt for Secret Service from 10 October to 10 November 1775. Also encloses a warrant for salary for same time, and a debenture for patent salary from 10 October 1774 to 10 November 1775. What remains to be issued. Fees received. No public accounts from America since his Lordship left London. Private letters state that the fleet had sailed from Halifax on June 10, all well.

Letter signed. 1⅝ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Mr Pollock 19 July 1776.

J. Key to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, July 22. Swansea, Glamorganshire.—Refers to previous intelligence sent. Conversation he held with a gentleman at an inn on the 18th instant. His inclination to send to some public newspaper certain texts, for the benefit of every good man in America who has been seduced from his duty and allegiance to the King. Asks his Lordship's opinion. Quotes from the King's speech of 23 May.

Autograph letter signed. 6½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—J. Key, 1776. *America.*

Ambrose Serle to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, July 25. New York Harbour, Off Staten Island.—Arrival off Staten Island. Ships they fell in with near Newfoundland and Halifax. Capture of four English transports conveying troops, with Colonel Campbell their Commander. Good health of the Army. Their ardour to attack the enemy. Efforts of the "Phœnix," and "Rose"

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men-of-war to force a passage up Hudson's River, and to keep it open for Burgoyne's troops, which, with 1,000 Indians, are expected to come down from Albany. Lord Howe's arrival. Panic of the enemy. Impatience of the army for the arrival of Hessians and other reinforcements. Fears for New York. Disposition of the people. Flag of truce sent by Lord Howe addressed to "George Washington Esq. &c. &c." not received. Arrival of Mr. William Temple at Congress, with letters from home concealed in his clothes. Escape of the noted Major Rogers from Philadelphia; he has joined the army under General Howe. Lieutenant Sneyd a prisoner in Connecticut. Opposition to the decrees of Congress by the people of Berkshire County. Imprisonment of Mr. Stanley's son; his escape, and recapture. Mr. Percy continues a very violent agitator.

Autograph letter signed. 9 quarto pages. [Reproduced in B. F. Stevens's Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives relating to America.]

Enclosure:—

"*Extract of a confidential Letter to Governor Tryon, dated 1st June, 1776. [From Massachusett's Bay.]" Confusion which has arisen from a late Act of the General Assembly, (Test Act,) to be signed by the Inhabitants of the Province before they were allowed to vote in the choice of Representatives for the ensuing year. Those who refused to subscribe to it, were to be disarmed and disqualified from holding any Office in the rebellious Government. Quotes the Act. Opinion concerning it. Disposition of the people. Appearance of another Act. Independence the favourite topic of conversation.*

In Serle's hand. 2¾ folio pages.

Montfort Browne to General Howe.

1776, August 2. Middletown, Connecticut.—No. 2. Refers to his letter of the previous day [not found] on the subject of his being brought to this colony as a prisoner. The plan meditated for forming a brigade for His Majesty's service to consist of 4,000 men is nearly carried into execution. They will be ready for embarkation as soon as the ships appear in the Sound for them. Has 1,000 head of cattle and some hundreds of fat hogs. Has also engaged 1,000 fine negroes, mostly belonging to friends to Government, and some hay and sheep, all which he proposes shipping at Nursing Island. Arrangements he has made with the two pilots. Would like a guard sent to defend the pass for the embarkation. Desires his letters (in his absence) may be sent to Major Hierlihy. Enclosure. Ill-treatment of various British prisoners —Gov. Skene, Capt. McKay and the Mayor of Albany. The Churches of England are all shut up because praying for the King and Royal Family is prohibited. Apprehensions of being detected writing to his Excellency.

Copy. 5½ pages.

Enclosure:—

[1776, *July* 10.]—*Printed advertisement by Montfort Browne to encourage settlers on his lands on the Mississippi and Mobile, with an autograph copy of his letter to his brigade containing*

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Enclosure—cont.

offers of land, dated 10*th July* 1776. *At the end is this note:*—"*P.S. My Lord. This printed advertisement has Effectually answer'd every purpose. M. Browne.*"

2 *octavo pages.*

GENERAL PUTNAM to MAJOR MONCRIEFFE.

1776, August 7. New York.—Sends his daughter. If he does not like her he can send her back and she will be taken care of and provided with a Whig husband. Asks for news of Mr. Berron; his lady is much distressed to know.

Copy. 1 *octavo page. Third person. In Serle's hand.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Gen[l] Putnam to Major Moncrieffe, when he sent the Major's Daughter from New York by a Flag of Truce.

AMBROSE SERLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, August 12. Off Staten Island.—Destruction by the rebels of the only five mortars possessed by them when they besieged Boston. Distress of the people of the country for want of clothing and other articles of importation. Their army unhealthy; small pox rages round Boston and the army at New York prefers to force every fourth man on Long Island rather than receive auxiliaries from Massachusetts. The affair at Charlestown has given them fresh spirits. Lee expected here daily with all the people he can muster from Philadelphia, etc. "It has been a great distress to us, that the great Fleet has been so late in its Arrival; and it has afforded every Advantage to the Rebels. . . . As to Lee himself, he is very much sunk in the Opinion of his best Friends among his own Party. There is something so eccentric in the man's Temper, and such a Vacancy of Principle, that it is impossible for all his Talents, which have been much enlarged upon, to support a Reputation here or anywhere." Flying reports concerning General Burgoyne. Speaks of enclosing two or three newspapers. Arrival of Sir Peter Parker's fleet, with Lord Cornwallis, General Clinton, and 2,900 men. Hotham's fleet now sailing into the harbour.

Autograph letter signed. 5 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

ADVICES from GENERAL HOWE.

1776, August 15. Also Advices from Montreal dated 13 August.—Meeting off Sandy Hook of the two fleets under convoy of Commodore Hotham and the "Repulse." Health of the Guards and Hessians; nineteen only lost on the passage. The camp equipage had all arrived. Arrival of Clinton, Cornwallis, Lord Dunmore, and Lord William Campbell on the 14th with Sir Peter Parker and his fleet. Arrival also of the Highlanders. Disembarkation of the Hessians on Staten Island to refresh; the Guards declined. Operations apprehended to commence on the 21st. The Rebels, it is expected, will defend New York. 13 August:—The army will be ready in three weeks to cross the lakes. "Our naval force will consist of two vessels of 12 and 14 guns each, a gondola . . . of 4 guns, several rafts or floating batteries with the heavy artillery and a number of batteaux with a four-pounder in each bow." Reports of the evacuation of Crown Point by the enemy, but it is

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supposed they intend making a stand at Ticonderoga. Activity of Burgoyne. Carleton expected from Quebec to take the command.

Unsigned. 2¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Advices from Gen. Howe Aug. 1776.

JAMES BURROW to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, August 19. Salisbury Street, Strand, London.—Authentic papers he is sending relative to America. "The day we arrived in Town, His Excellency (Gov^r Legge) went to Court where the King received him with every mark of attention and affability; my Lord George was also very polite . . . " The Petition of the House of Assembly contains a free declaration of their loyalty to the King, but respecting the Governor they return thanks for his recall to examine into his conduct on the complaint of the people. Mr. Burrows expresses his surprise at the petition being received (coming from people detected in most shameful practices) and does not believe it was unanimous, the carrying it being a "managed point by the party themselves." Expenses to which the Governor has been put; but does not doubt he will meet with that support, restitution and commendation he so justly deserves. Speaks of enclosing a paper published in Nova Scotia; a certain Mr. Hutchinson was very instrumental in drawing it up. Sends also the famous declaration of their being free and independent states.

Autograph letter signed. 3¾ *quarto pages.*

Enclosure:—

Calculation of the daily expenses of the Rebel Army. 9,000 *men in pay in Canada,* 8,000 *men in pay in Virginia, etc., total* 69,000 *and cost* £11,479.5. *On the third page is an Order of Battle for the British troops commanded by Earl Percy.*

Unsigned. 2¼ *folio pages.*

EDWARD SNEYD to GOVERNOR BROWN[E].

1776, August 19. Windham Gaol.—Probability of Mrs. Browne's arrival in England. All in good spirits (tho' locked up again) at news of a cartel being established for an exchange of prisoners. Intends when he gets out, which he hopes will be shortly, to shift his quarters. Colonel Dyer out of town. Trusts Browne has escaped all disorders incident to the Northern parts of America. Windham people same as usual. He will shortly want some money.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Letter Edw^d Sneyd Esq^r 19 August 1776. Tho^s Barrett P.S.

WILLIAM KNOX to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, August 22.—Hoped to have been able to send Lord Dartmouth a more pleasing account of our Southern Expedition than is contained in the enclosed *precis.* The troops have not suffered from the climate "which I dreaded more than the fire of the Rebels, tho' that has done no small execution on board the ships. Not a man on the Quarter Deck of Sir Peter Parker's ship at the beginning of the Attack that was not either killed or wounded before the end of it. The worst consequence of this failure will be the shewing the rebels where their strength lies

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and how they may foil us again in the winter tho' our strength be greater." All hopes now fixed on General Howe.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅝ *quarto pages.*

Enclosure :—

1776, *August.—Advices received from Sir Peter Parker and Lieutenant General Clinton by the Ranger Sloop. Landing of General Clinton with the troops on Long Island. Dispositions made by the fleet and army on June* 28 *at Charlestown. Position taken up by Sir Peter Parker opposite the fort on Sullivan's Island. Movements of the enemy. Proposition by Clinton to ford a creek between Sullivan's and Long Islands which was judged an imprudent one for want of boats and because of a march through a swamp in the face of the rebel army. The ships drawn off from the attack when night came on; 201 killed and wounded in the action. Slight wounds received by Sir Peter Parker and Lord William Campbell. Troops preparing to re-embark on July* 8. *The Fleet expected to sail to join Howe in a few days. The "Actæon" of* 28 *guns having run aground was burnt by her own people. Troops healthy.*

Unsigned. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Intelligence from America Aug. 1776.

INTELLIGENCE from AMERICA.

1776, August.—Disembarkation of Howe on Staten Island on 3rd and 4th July. Flight of the enemy on the approach of the ships. The General's intentions to wait till joined by the fleet from England or by Clinton from the south. Tryon's assurances of the intentions of many of the inhabitants of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to declare for Government when troops come to their assistance. Intelligence concerning Clinton at Charlestown contained in a newspaper of 3 July. Refusal of the fort to surrender to him. Lee's arrival there with 1,500 men from North Carolina.

Unsigned. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed :—Intelligence from America Aug. 1776.

AMBROSE SERLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, September 5. Off the City of New York.—The object of his letter is to show how the Guards and Hessians have been employed. Deferential treatment of the Hessian General and other Commanders. Pleasing impression it has made. Movements of the "Phœnix" and "Rose" in defiance of the rebel batteries, on 18 August. Conveyance of troops to Long Island, without the least opposition on 22 August. Opening of the scene on the 27th. Relates what passed under his observation. Lord Stirling and General Sullivan with about 90 officers are among the prisoners. Evacuation of Long Island. Desperate situation of the people. Loss sustained by them in this battle. Remarks on the adage of the Americans, "If Great Britain cannot conquer us, she cannot govern us." Possession taken of Governor's Island September 2d by a detachment of Hessians. His excursion upon Long Island. He expected to have had the honour of congratulating his Lordship on the entire possession of New York City and Island.

Autograph letter signed. 10 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

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place of Liberty." What they intend to prove in the series of papers about to be issued.
1 *quarto page.*

The Duke of Richmond to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, November 17. Goodwood.—Letter he has received from Lord Dartmouth and others of 8 November, requiring him to cause diligent search to be made for all straggling seamen, and to secure those fit for His Majesty's Service, within his Lieutenancy. Considers this measure liable to strong legal objections. Does not think it right to take any part towards carrying it into execution.
Letter signed. 1 *folio page.*
Endorsed:—Duke of Richmond 17 Nov^{r} 1776.

Montfort Browne to [Lord Dartmouth].

1776, November 20. Flushing, Long Island.—Recounts the distress he has experienced and the circumstances relative thereto, since his letter written in March. His attitude and movements on the demand made by the American commodore Hopkins, in behalf of the Continental Congress, of all the King's powder and stores at New Providence. Aid given to the enemy by the people. His imprisonment and conveyance to the American continent. Encounter and engagement between His Majesty's Ship "Glasgow" and the rebel fleet. Spirited behaviour of Captain Howe. The writer exchanged for Lord Stirling. Behaviour of the inhabitants of the Bahama Islands.
Autograph letter signed. 4 *pages.*

Montfort Browne to [Lord Dartmouth].

1776, November 21. Flushing, Long Island.—No. 2. Speaks of enclosing copy of his letter to General Howe dated August 1. When that letter was conveyed to the General, he had actually 3437 picked men enlisted and ready at three days' notice to embark at Guildford, Stratford, Norwalk, Nursing Island, etc. Many of them were English, Irish, Scots and Germans, all true friends to Government. Inability of the Admiral to afford him the assistance he required for the embarkation. Proclamation issued by Governor Trumbull and subsequent dwindling away of his brigade. Temporary appointments given to his officers. Speaks also of enclosing the restraining act. Sentiments of a preacher lately in Connecticut. Has requested his wife to endeavour to procure the King's leave for him to return to England.
Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *pages.*

Enclosure:—

Proclamation by Governor Trumbull.

1776, *June* 18. *Council Chamber in Hartford.—Urging them to raise a large additional number of militia and able men for defence against the soon expected attack and invasion by England. Ministers of the Gospel in this Colony directed and desired to publish this proclamation in their several churches and congregations.*
Printed. 1 *page.*

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General Carleton to John Robinson.

1776, November 25.—Proportions of rum which have been received fall short of what their Lordships designed for this army. It is too late now to make any contract here for a supply of the article against the next campaign. Necessity of their Lordships being informed.

Extract. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Extract of a Letter from Gen[l] Carleton dated 25[th] Nov[r] 1776.

Ambrose Serle to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, November 26. New York.—The impression of despondency made upon the enemy is too powerful for the machinations of Congress to remove. Some of the rebels give out that they will never consent to any terms of composition. His opinion that Great Britain can only regain her dominion and keep it when retained by the sword. Influence of the newspapers of the Colonies. Encloses newspapers. An Indian secretly making his way to prepare his people for the next year and to convey intelligence of our affairs to General Carleton. Information about Joseph Read of Philadelphia from an officer of Government who represents him as an able man but full of chicane, intrigue, and duplicity. Supply of provisions for the Army and Navy by the incursions into the Jerseys etc. It does not seem a sanguine opinion that the heart of the Rebellion is really broken. Considers it requires no prophetic spirit to pronounce that the desire for independence will break out again in the course of years.

Autograph letter signed. 5 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Ambrose Serle to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, November 28. New York.—Letter he writes on behalf of Governor Tryon, who when he left England in 1775 understood that "a Warrant for the Augmentation of his Salary as Governor was then as good as settled;" but neither he nor his agent has heard of it since that time. Governor Tryon has explained the difficulties of his position.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

American Prisoners.

1776, November 30. Admiralty.—Admiralty Minute. Considered what to do with the Rebel Prisoners brought home in the "Pallas." Resolved to submit to His Majesty that the Admiralty be directed to keep the prisoners in custody until further orders. Expediency of proposing to Parliament a Bill to suspend the Habeas Corpus Act so far as it may be construed to extend to rebels taken during the present rebellion.

Copy 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Minute. Novem[r] 30[th] 1776. (Copy.)

Ambrose Serle to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, December 3. New York.—Circumstance mentioned to him by Mr. White, which conveys the opinion of the rebels. Mr. Putnam speaking upon American affairs at the house of Mr. Kay in the Jerseys had said that they think their cause is ruined as their army is disbanding

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because the term is expiring and they consider they cannot get another. Congratulations on the increasing success of His Majesty's troops in New Jersey. Little or no loss sustained by Cornwallis in this pursuit. A strong party forming in Philadelphia. Doctor Franklin has had the address to get off, on the pretence of negotiating a Treaty with the Court of France.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—Mr Serle, Nov. Decr 1777 (*sic*).

Advice from America.

1776, December 28. Whitehall.—That Mr. Bernard, brother to the shipbuilder at Deptford of that name, a planter in Tobago, having been captured and taken into Lynn in Boston Bay, and lately arrived from there, states that before his departure he met a Postman going from Boston to Falmouth in Canso Bay sent from General Lee with the news of the capture of Fort Washington on the 16th November. Positions of Washington and Lee. Confirmation of the news received by Bernard from the wife of a principal Quaker merchant in Lynn. The day he sailed he was told that the Town Committee had been ordered to draft every fourth man to send to the army but there appeared a general disinclination to the service.

Unsigned. 1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Advice from America, recd 28 Decr 1776.

[ ] to Lord Dartmouth.

1776, December 30. Stephens Green, Dublin.—Signed "A faithful Friend To the House of Hanover." "Slight not this advice, even a moment; the papists in the Southerns parts of this Kingdom are amassing Arms and Powder." Landing of eight foreigners, who dined at the Titular Archbishop of Cashell's. Declaration of an invasion taking place in the spring. Bull expected by the papists, absolving them from their allegiance. Their designs are to take advantage of the distress to which we are brought by the rebels in North America. Desires this letter to be acknowledged in the London Chronicle, when Lord Dartmouth shall continue to receive information. Perhaps later he will disclose his name. Declares himself to be "a man of Estate and Some consequence in this Kingdom." Wording of the advertisement. No time to be lost in guarding against this system. This letter may be placed before His Majesty.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Anon; Dublin 30 Decr 1776.

Dr. John Fothergill to Lord Dartmouth.

1776.—Writes on behalf of Israel Morris, the son of a Magistrate in New Jersey, who desires leave to return to America, and has been refused because he would not acknowledge the sovereignty of the British legislature over America. He declares he is friendly to the King and does not intend to be active in the present circumstances. The treatment appears to Dr. Fothergill ungenerous and impolitic. Asks Lord Dartmouth to appoint an interview with Morris.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Dr Fothergill 1776.

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THOMAS PITT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

[? 1776.]—A saddler named Bray wishes to be named to Alderman Horley, that he may avail himself of a letter from Colonel Gorham now in America, for the furnishing accoutrements to his battalion. Pitt has given him orders to make them as useless as possible "that the poor dear Americans struggling in the great cause of Liberty may have no reason to complain of him or me." Asks his assistance in the furtherance of this business "and your Petitioner will never fail to oppose you tooth and nail."

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Thoˢ Pitt Esqʳ rec. Mʳ Bray.

CAPT. WILLIAMOS.

N. D. [1776.]—Plan. With reference to the resolutions lately entered into by the House of Commons to suspend the right of taxing America whenever the Colonies themselves grant a proportionable supply towards bearing their part of the Mother Country's burden, proposes a Bill to be brought in immediately to appoint a temporary commission to go to America *to* meet their assemblies separately, and explain to them these resolutions which are liable otherwise to be grossly misrepresented and perverted. Suggests measures to be taken by this commission. Considers that such steps would remove the prejudices the Americans now labour under.

Unsigned. 4 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—American Plan. Cap. Williamos.

CONSIDERATIONS on the AMERICAN REBELLION.

N. D. [1776.]—A long paper of considerations on the situation of Great Britain with reference to the present American rebellion. It is headed with a quotation from Livy "Ea charitas patriæ esse debet, ut tam ignominiâ eam, quam morte nostrâ, si opus sit, servemus."

22½ *pages.*

LIVE STOCK for use of the TROOPS in AMERICA.

1776.—A List of the Vessels taken up to carry Live Stock to North America for the use of His Majesty's Forces there in 1776.

½ *folio page.*

AMBROSE SERLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, January 1. New York.—His time exceedingly taken up in making out pardons for rebels who are coming in for them by hundreds. Congratulates his Lordship on the repeated successes of "our short Campaign." General sentiment at New York is that the power of the rebellion is nearly broken and beyond any apparent probability of resource or recovery; this intelligence gained from intercepted letters and other channels. Hopes for the possession of Philadelphia early in the spring. "The ships &c. in that harbour will be an Acquisition to us, if we can save them; but their Destruction will be an irreparable Loss to the Rebels." Ships under Hopkins blocked up in Rhode

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Island. The remains of Congress gone to Baltimore. "The Difference in the Appearance of the King's Affairs and especially the Resolution in the Professions of many Persons in this Country are both very great." General Lee behaves since his captivity with the meanness of spirit expected of him.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅝ *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

GOVERNOR WILLIAM TRYON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, January 5. King's Bridge District.—Earnestly solicits leave to return to his native country; "The Shadow of my Government does not remain to me, nor am I consulted in any thing relative thereto, therefore can never revive that Influence I flattered myself I once had in it." Has asked for a regiment, and permission to sell his commission in the Guards to Lord Rawdon and to resign his Government. Mr. Barrett by whom he sends this has been greatly disappointed in his expectations here.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

CABINET MINUTE.

1777, January 10. Lord George Germain's Office.—"Lord George Germain read General Howe's demand of men for the next Campaign." Proposal to submit to His Majesty the advisability of taking into his pay about 4,000 German troops, which number will complete the 35,000 rank and file which the General proposes for his operations.

1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Minute 10 Jan^{y} 1777.

The LONDON CHRONICLE.

1777, January 9—11.—No. 3136. Containing an Appeal to the unprejudiced, or a vindication of the measures of Government with respect to America.

8 *printed pages.*

MESSRS. MURE, SON and ATKINSON to GENERAL SIR WILLIAM HOWE.

1777, January 14.—Marked No. 2. Orders given to their agents in Jamaica to execute General Howe's commands with reference to the supply of rum for the ensuing year. Instructions sent to Loring to engage for the delivery of such quantities as he may require, and they beg His Excellency's directions may be speedily given that the success of their purchases in Jamaica may be assured.

Extract. 1½ *folio pages.*

MESSRS. MURE, SON and ATKINSON to JOSHUA LORING JUNR. at New York.

1777, January 14. London.—Marked No. 3. Same subject.

Extract. 1⅛ *folio pages.*

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THOMAS VIVIAN to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, January 16. Cornwood.—Hopes that His Majesty's arms may be blessed so far as to enable him to give the Colonies a new constitution. Fears the negroes may be overlooked. Suggests abolition of slavery.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev^{d} M^{r} Vivians Jan^{y} 1777 *American Slavery.*

MR. GORDON to MESSRS. MUIR [MURE] SON and ATKINSON.

1777, January 21. Cork.—"A ship is just arrived from Rhode Island with 126 Passengers Sailors & 26 Captains of Ships that were taken by the Rebels." Account they bring of the taking possession of Rhode Island by General Clinton who arrived with Sir Peter Parker on the 10th December last.

Extract. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Advices from Cork, 21 Jan^{y} 1777.

JONATHAN WATSON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, January 29. Bath.—Learns from the newspapers of Lord North's intended proposals to the House of Commons for the effectual security of America. Refers to a former private memorial and a pamphlet in answer to Dr. Price; did not sign them for fear his house in Virginia should be burnt. Opinion on dividing Virginia into two provinces.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Watson 29 Jan^{y} 1777.

INTELLIGENCE.

1777, January, received.—Arrival of Captain Drummond, Aide-de-Camp to General Clinton, with a letter from the General containing an account of his landing on Rhode Island on the 8th December. News sent to the Admiralty by Sir Peter Parker concerning the Continental squadron commanded by Hopkins.

¾ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Advice fr. America rec. Jan^{y} 1777.

1777, February 24. Whitehall.—Intelligence received in dispatches from General Howe. Detailed account of the movements of Lord Cornwallis. General Lee taken prisoner by Colonel Harcourt. Forage and provisions taken by the King's troops in the Jerseys.

3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Advices from N. York rec^{d} 24 Feb^{y} 1777.

CABINET MINUTE.

1777, February 25.—"Lord Howe having desired to be strengthened with Six Sail of Ships of the Line," Submitted to the King whether it may not be sufficient to send 1 ship of 74 guns, 4 of 64, and 1 of 50; and Sir William Howe to be directed to send Major General Lee prisoner to England. Also submitted that General Burgoyne should be again employed in Canada.

⅔ *page.*

Endorsed:—Minute of Cabinet 25th Febry. 1777.

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JOHN ROBINSON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, March 2, 50/m. p. 10 P.M. Parliament Street.—Upon looking into the papers of Sir Robert Herries considers them of so extraordinary a nature, and the proposition so decidedly against the principle and letter of the restraining Act that he troubles his Lordship with the subject.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure :—

"*Some Observations on Sir Robert Herries' Plan which strike Mr Robinson from the cursory reading which He was able to give it last night.*" *Sir R. Herries assumes the necessity to obtain tobacco, first, for the French market in order to prevent that trade from getting into another channel so as not to be able to recover it upon the restoration of peace. and, secondly, in order to supply the necessary consumption at home; upon a thorough investigation of these allegations neither of them will be found to be warranted, for as to the first Great Britain may suffer a temporary loss of that trade during the present disturbances, yet doubtless upon the restoration of Peace it will revert to Gt. Britain, for the Farmers General will buy at the cheapest market, which is the Brit: colonies. Shews how the second proposition would be equally futile and cannot be carried out without opening a communication of trade with the rebels in Maryland or Virginia in direct violation of the Restraining Act, and what is more alarming still, the circulation of specie and bills, which would give them a real and substantial credit over all Europe and enable them to purchase and pay for all stores &c., and consequently support them in the war.*

4 *pages.*

JOHN ROBINSON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, March 3. Monday near 1° P.M. Downing Street.—Has seen Knox and finds he has received orders to write an official letter to Lord Howe and General Howe recommending the agent of Sir Robert Herries to their protection, and also to write to the Admiralty to desire a passage for the agent on board the first man-of-war. Surprise and disappointment expressed by Knox and D'Oyly. Lord North's opinion against it as told by Sir Grey Cooper.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Mr Robinson 3 March 1777. Sr R. H.

RICHARD ATKINSON to J. ROBINSON.

1777, March 7. London.

Copy. 1 *page.*

Endorsed :—London 7. March 1776. Copy of Proposals of Richd Atkinson Esqr for furnishing Jamaica Rum to the Troops in North America.

AMBROSE SERLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, March 20. New York.—Received on the 9th instant his Lordship's letter of 30 December last. Several skirmishes have taker

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place between our foraging parties and those of the rebels. Inhuman behaviour of the latter. Hopes that upon the descent of the Northern army the affair will soon be over and the country restored to peace. Contagious disorder prevailing among the enemy; loss they have sustained. Paper dollars issued by Congress. Famine expected. Health and spirits of our troops. Encloses Congress Note as a curiosity. Mr. Sneyd's death. Mr. Piercy. His weariness of this country, and his useless situation.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Enclosure :—

Three dollar Bill No. 27,532. *Signed William Webb and T. Leech. Philadelphia. Printed by Hall and Sellers* 1776. *This Bill entitles the Bearer to receive Three Spanish milled Dollars, or the Value thereof in Gold or Silver, according to a Resolution of Congress, passed at Philadelphia, May* 9, 1776. 3″ × 3¾″.

AMBROSE SERLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, March 25. New York.—Concerning the enclosure. Mr. Galloway's intention of visiting England for the first time, after the next campaign. Considers nobody could be consulted with more advantage to the public, and nobody, with less view to his own, separate from the public. He has intimated his desire that his thoughts upon the momentous crisis might be communicated to Lord Dartmouth and to Lord North if Dartmouth approves them.

Autograph letter signed. 2¼ *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Enclosure :—

J. GALLOWAY to RICHARD JACKSON.

1777, *March* 20.—"*I am yet at New York endeavouring to be of Service to those entrusted with the great Work of reclaiming my Countrymen from their Delusion.*" *Efforts he has made; has reason to believe his information has not been entirely useless or inacceptable. Sentiments upon the present rebellion. Advises Parliament to pursue certain measures for the re-establishment of peace.*

Autograph signed copy. 9 *quarto pages.*

1777, March 25.—Sketch of Peek's Kill Town and Bay up the North River showing the Expedition sent there to destroy the Rebels Provisions and Stores 25th March 1777. Note in Mr. Serle's hand—"This Sketch was given me by Lieut. Durnford of the Engineers, who conducted the whole Conflagration."

1 *folio page.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

GOVERNOR MONTFORT BROWNE.

[1777, March].—Note apparently to Lord Dartmouth, not dated, serving as a wrapper to the papers enclosed. "Gov^{r} Browne has importuned me to trouble Your Lordship with the inclosed Copy of General Howe's public Thanks to Him for his Conduct in some late

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Enterprises. The Rebels are all in Distraction at and about Boston, quarrelling with each other."
Original, not signed.

Enclosures:—

J. PATTERSON, Adjutant General, to LIEUTENANT COLONEL INNES, Inspector General of the Provincial Troops in America.

1777, *March* 20. *New York.—Requesting him to acquaint Governor Browne that the Commander in Chief has expressed pleasure at the report made of the Governor's corps; he has no doubt of their being of very great service in the course of this campaign.*
Copy. 1 *quarto page.*

Newspaper cutting consisting of a notice of an attack on a party of the rebels at Brunx River with special mention of the spirited conduct of Governor Browne's corps.

MONTFORT BROWNE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, April 1. Head Quarters, Flushing, Long Island.—Announcing that the King has not only been pleased to approve of his plan for raising a brigade but has granted licence for his return to England. Is sending intelligence to the Commander in Chief at New York, concerning his brigade. Capture by the rebels of 70 or 80 of his friends; recounts his unsuccessful efforts to release them. Capture of Mr. Richards, a violent rebel. Eulogising his men. Promotion promised to him by General Howe; desires the King will make him a Major General in America. Congratulations on the success of His Majesty's arms.
Letter signed. 4¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^{r} Browne Long Isl^{d} 1st April 1777.

Enclosure:—

J. PATTERSON, Adjutant General, to COLONEL INNES, Inspector General of all the New raised Corps.

1777, *March* 20. *Head Quarters, New York.—Same as above.*
Copy. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Copy of General Howes Compt to Gov^{r} Browne upon the report of his Brigade.

RUM CONTRACT.

1777, April 1.—Paper endorsed:—Copy of Contract between D. Chamier Esq^{r} Commiss^{y} Gen^{l} & Jos. Loring Esq. Agent to Mess^{rs} Mure Son & Atkinson for furnish^{g} Rum to the Army in America. 1st April 1777. N^{o} 1.
2 *folio pages.*

AMBROSE SERLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, April 3. New York.—On the enclosure. Rapid decline of the rebel force. Everybody considers the "Rebellion is dying apace."

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Intelligence received from Franklin concerning France. Hopes a perfect submission will ensue before the end of the year.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pp.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—A. Serle Esq. M^ch^—April—1777 Ex.

Enclosure:—

JOSEPH GALLOWAY to [RICHARD JACKSON].

1777, *March* 28. *New York.—Additional thoughts on the subject of establishing a permanent union between Great Britain and the Colonies.*

Autograph copy signed. 5½ *quarto pages.*

GENERAL HOWE to JOHN ROBINSON.

1777, April 5.—Concerning the contract for rum to be supplied to the troops in North America.

Extract. 1½ *folio pages.*

LIEUTENANT JOHN CARTWRIGHT to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, April 10. Oxenden Street.—Writes upon the principles and policy of the proposals he has offered for consideration. Believes the Americans must become our rivals in naval dominion if *we* persist in the war. Concerning restrictions upon their trade in favour of Great Britain. Considers peace and a "Confederacy on equal and independent terms ought to be the sole object of our present views."

Autograph letter signed. 3⅜ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Lieut^t^ Cartwright 1777 America.

The NEW YORK GAZETTE AND WEEKLY MERCURY.

1777, April 14.—No. 1329. Containing, amongst other items, a Narrative or Journal of Dr. John F. D. Smith Captain and Surgeon in the Queen's Royal Rangers, who was taken prisoner by the rebels in November 1775 and lately escaped from them.

1 *printed sheet.*

The ROYAL AMERICAN GAZETTE.

1777, April 17.—No. XIV.

1 *printed sheet.*

The NEW YORK GAZETTE and WEEKLY MERCURY.

1777, April 21.—No. 1330. Amongst other items:—Continuation of Dr. John F. D. Smyth's (*sic*) Narrative 28 March 1777.

1 *printed sheet.*

AMBROSE SERLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, April 25. New York.—Embarkation of four or five regiments to proceed on a secret expedition to Connecticut. News expected every moment. Departure of Canadian officers and gentlemen for Quebec. Rebels are beginning to be disheartened Peaceful state of Long Island.

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Recommends Great Britain to give up this country at once, and treat it as a foreign State, or to bring it into a very close connexion with itself. Further suggestions for the interest of the Mother Country. Sets forth the capabilities of Mr. Galloway. Pleasure evinced by His Majesty's loyal subjects at the suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act.

Autograph letter signed. 3⅔ *quarto pp.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Ambrose Serle to [Lord Dartmouth].

1777, April 25. New York.—On the enclosure. Thinks the Resolutions express the political distress and extremity of their framers. Dissolution of the new government of Pennsylvania. Numbers of people daily coming in with their arms. Attack upon our advanced guards by a party of rebels, who were nearly all killed or taken prisoners.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Enclosure:—

1777, *April* 14 *and* 15.—*Congress resolutions, for the safety of the State of Pennsylvania.*

Printed. 1 *folio page.*

Ambrose Serle to Lord Dartmouth.

1777, May 1. New York.—Summary account of an enterprise effected by His Majesty's troops under Governor Tryon and Sir William Erskine in the colony of Connecticut. Loss sustained by the rebels, death of two of their Generals, Wooster and Silliman. Movement of the armies in the Jersies.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

1777, May 8. New York.—"A Brief Inquiry Into The Causes of the Rebellion in America: With A short Sketch of the Methods most likely To secure the future Peace of the Colonies, And Their Dependence on Great Britain. The whole founded on unquestionable Facts. By a Real Friend to the British Constitution. Ne quid falsi dicere audeat, ne quid veri non audeat. Cicero."

51¾ *quarto pages, in cover.*

Ambrose Serle to Lord Dartmouth.

1777, May 20. New York.—Progress of the army retarded on account of the military stores which are required. Positive accounts among the rebels of the Northern army being at or near Ticonderoga. Blow sustained by the rebels on account of the destruction of their magazines. Strength of Washington's army; dejection of that General. Confession of the rebels of their inability to defend Philadelphia. His reasons for thinking this rebellion will be crushed in the course of the present campaign.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Enclosures:—

1775, *May* 5.—*New York Gazette and Weekly Mercury.* *N°* 1332.

Two copies.

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DANIEL WEIR to JOHN ROBINSON.

1777, May 20. New York.—Concerning the contract for rum with the agents of Messrs. Mure Son and Atkinson.

Extract. ½ *folio page.*

AMBROSE SERLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, June 5. New York.—On the subject of Dr. Price's second pamphlet, in which he mentions a Declaration prepared by the Congress in June 1775 containing an offer &c. to Great Britain. Denial made by Mr. Andrew Allen of such a declaration.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—Mr Serle N. York 5 June 1777.

J. MARRIOTT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, June 6. College of Advocates, Doctors Commons.—On the enclosure. Observations on the condemnation and distribution of seizures in the American Admiralty Courts at Halifax and in the Islands which will result in a flood of appealed causes to the King in Council.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Dr Marriott June 1777. Ex.

Enclosure:—

1777, *May* 31. *College of Advocates, Doctors Commons.—James Marriott, Memorial to the King. Setting forth the King's right to condemn the ships and goods of his enemies, taken by His Majesty's own ships of war. Complains that this right has been violated and an attempt is now being made to violate it in the case of the Commanders of the "Squirrel" and "Maidstone" captors of the ship "Nightingale" in an appeal from the sentence of the Vice Admiralty Court in the Plantations.*

Original, signed. 2½ *pages.*

J. ROBINSON to RICHARD OLIVER.

1777, June 6.—A like letter to Beeston Long and Richard Neave.

Copy. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—6 June 1777. Copy of a Letter from John Robinson Esqr Richd Oliver Esqr & others relat to Mr Atkinson's Rum Contract.

AMBROSE SERLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, June 11. New York.—"I have the Honor to inclose to Your Lordship two Publications, [not now with the letter] circulated by the Rebels. One of them, the *Crisis*, is written by a Mr Paine, who was brought over hither, some years ago by Dr Franklin, and has been chiefly employed by him in one Pursuit or other ever since. He was a Grub Street Writer in London, when he fell into the Doctor's Way; and, by falling into his Principles, was enabled by him to emerge from Obscurity, and to meet with considerable Attention in this Country. He has nothing to lose, but everything to hope, from the Establishment of the present rebellious System." Mr. Serle continues by announcing

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their intended movements against the rebels, who at present are encamped about Bound Brook. The Anspach troops have arrived. He considers the rebellion will be underfoot, when the English are in possession of Pennsylvania.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—Mr Serle. N. York 11 June 1777.

MESSRS. MURE SON and ATKINSON to [the LORDS of TREASURY].

1777, June 24.

Copy. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—24 June 1777. Copy of a Letter from Messrs Mure Son & Atkinson on their Rum Contract.

[AMBROSE] SERLE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, June 24. New York.—Departure of the army from the Jersies, after vainly endeavouring to bring Washington to an action from the rocks and hills where he has posted himself with about 9000 men. No intelligence that can be depended on has been received about the Northern army and very much of our success depends upon its speedy descent.

Autograph letter not signed. 1⅔ *quarto pp.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—Mr Serle N. York 24 June 1777.

RUM for the TROOPS.

1777, July 7. New York.—Certificate by Sir William Howe for the Lords of the Treasury.

Copy. ⅔ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—7th July 1777. Certificate for Rum p Sloop General Howe from Jamaica for Acct of Mure Son & Atkinson. 97 Casks —10404. Galls

WILLIAM GORDON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, July 15.—Preceded by a copy of a previous letter dated 30 June thanking him for the attention paid to his memorial; he has had a mandamus granted to him in consequence appointing him officer of the Clerk of the Crown and of the Common Pleas in Quebec; has received a letter from Mr Knox; desires leave to go to England. The later letter is simply in corroboration of the first and soliciting his Lordship's interest.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Quebec 1777.

COLONEL PHILIP SKENE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, July 15. Skenesborough.—Every encomium is due to General Burgoyne "as an officer and a civilian, his plans are as well formed, as executed, and with great œconemy." The rebel force is at Fort Edward and consists of 7,000 men, Putman (sic), St. Clair, Nixon and Fellows are with Schuyler; "as Genls the men want confidence in their officers, and their officers in their men." The country comes in

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fast to Burgoyne's manifesto. He, Skene, has been appointed Commissioner and is to set out immediately for Castleton to receive the submission of the different inhabitants. General Phillips has gone to Ticonderoga to pass to Lake George. "The General himself will advance to Fort Ann so soon as his Plans are ripe for execution, and so down to Saratoga and Still Water, where the Rebells talk of standing, at present they are in great confusion, this wooden country is of such a Nature, that it is impossible for the General to fix the Rebells in a body therefore the Duty must be done by Detachment." Brigadier Fraser's corps is "to be much honoured, they beat the Rebells in their Own Strength of the Woods." Sir Guy Carleton gives every assistance and is on the best footing with General Burgoyne. The Indians are "under the greatest Order" and the Inhabitants are free from plunderers.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—Col Skeene July 1777.

Letters concerning the Rum Contract.

1777, July 16. London.—Report of Beeston Long, Richard Neave, R. Glover and William Crichton to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury on Mr Atkinson's rum contract.

Copy. 5 *folio pages.*

1777, July 17. London.—Richard Atkinson to Beeston Long, Richard Neave, Richard Glover and William Crichton, referees. With their Minute in answer dated 18 July 1777.

Copy. 1½ *folio pages.*

1777, July 21. London.—Richard Atkinson to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury on the report of the referees.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅛ *quarto pages.*

1777, July 23. London.—Mure Son and Atkinson to the Lords of the Treasury.

Copy. 4 *folio pages.*

Intelligence from America.

1777, July.—"Captain Nunn sailed from Quebec on the 4th June ——. General Burgoyne arrived in the Apollo on the 6th May ——." Movements of Generals Carleton and Burgoyne. Health of the troops. No naval force belonging to the rebels upon Lake Champlain. No certain accounts of the enemy's force at Ticonderoga had been received at Quebec. Movements of Colonel St. Leger. Arrival of the "Tartar" man of war with her convoy from New York 27th May. Shipping intelligence.

2¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Intelligence from America July 1777.

John Robinson to Robert Gordon.

1777, August 2.—Five months provisions for 8,000 men to be sent to New York as a supply for the troops under General Burgoyne.

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CAPTAIN PEARSON [to the ADMIRALTY].

1777, August 12. Off Quebec.—Postscript to Captain Pearson's letter. "By the last Accounts from General Burgoyne dated 2d August, they were incamped at and near Fort Edward" which place the rebel army had abandoned a few days before and were retiring to Saratoga. General Arnold commands their Northern Army; he has with him 12 pieces of brass cannon. Health of Burgoyne and his troops. Intended march on the 5th to attack the enemy.

⅔ *quarto page.* [The original signed letter is in the Public Record Office, Admiralty, Captains' Letters P. Vol. 27.]

INTELLIGENCE from NEW YORK.

1777, August 18. Whitehall.—Details of the movements of our army against the enemy as reported by Colonel Ogilvie, who has just arrived from New York. Repulse of the enemy at Piscattery. Capture of General Prescott by the rebels from his own house at Rhode Island. Movements of Captain Loring, master of the "Lady Gage" transport; intelligence he brings concerning the capture of Ticonderoga by General Burgoyne. Report spread by General Washington with regard to the retreat of Sir William Howe from Middlebush. General Putnam at Albany with 1,000 of the New England troops.

3½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Intelligence from N. York, 18 Aug. 1777.

BEESTON LONG, RICHARD NEAVE, RICHARD GLOVER, and WILLIAM CRICHTON to the LORDS of the TREASURY.

1777, August 21. London.—Further report on Mr. Atkinson's rum contract.

Copy. 2 *folio pages.*

JAMES GARDINER to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, August 29.—Desires he will place before Lord Germain the memorial of his services. Reasons for troubling his Lordship on this occasion. Entreats his protection.

Autograph letter signed. 3⅓ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Cap. Gardner Aug. 1777.

Enclosure:—

James Gardiner, Memorial to Lord George Germaine. Sets forth his services, and his having been wounded in the action at Long Island on the 27th August 1776. *Desires recommendation to His Majesty's notice.*

Not signed. 1 *large folio page.*

[AMBROSE SERLE] to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, August 30. Elk River in Maryland.—Departure of the General from New York on the 9th June to join his forces. March towards the enemy. Return of the army to Brunswick, thence to Amboy and Staten

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Island. Chagrin and discontent of the army at this retreat. Embarkation of troops on 9 July at Staten Island for the present expedition. Recounts their voyage. Deplorable circumstances of the enemy. The favorable turn affairs have taken, with regard to the English. Hopes to be able by the next conveyance to transmit more agreeable news.

Autograph letter not signed. 4 *quarto pp.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

PHILIP SKENE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, August 30. Camp at Saratoga.—Details of his tour with Lieutenant Colonel Baum to try the affections of the country, to disconcert the councils of the enemy, to mount a regiment of "Reedhesel" Dragoons, and to procure a large supply of horses, cattle and carriages for the army. Encounter with a superior force of the enemy Lieutenant Colonel Baum should not have detached from his party and so weakened his post, which ought to have acted on the defensive till the reinforcement arrived. Manifesto held out by General Burgoyne, inviting the inhabitants to return to their duty, and take the oath of allegiance. Burgoyne is unluckily circumstanced, not having heard from General Howe or any army on the North River to open the communication. Schuyler is sent for to the Congress with Sinclair. The army is in good health and spirits.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—1777.

TRANSPORTS.

N. D. [? 1777, August].—Paper endorsed "Lord Effingham's Motion with Remarks thereon." "That there be laid before this House the Names & Tonnage of all the Transports employed by the Treasury since the 1st of Septr 1775 distinguishing the Freight p Ton."

2 *folio pages.*

N. D. [1777, August].—A paper containing particulars desired by the House relative to the Transport Service; with remarks thereon in 2 columns.

9½ *folio pages.*

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, September 6. St. Malo.—While at Charlestown was not deprived of the benefit of employing his time as Surveyor General to His Majesty. Astronomical observations. Banishment inflicted upon him for having refused to abjure His Majesty. Recounts his having been forced to sea in an American ship the "Hancock and Adams" commanded by Samuel Smith, in company with another American ship the "Lincoln" *alias* "Marshal." Further astronomical observations. His arrival at Nantes. Conversation he held with five French politicians, one an associate of Mr. Le Sevre, negociants and correspondents with the American Congress. Two Bostonian corsairs, Wikes (Wickes) and Nicolson, after having made many prizes, had been chased into this port. Preparation of frigates to carry troops to America. Interest aken by the French King in the American Revolution.

Autograph letter signed. 8 *large folio pages.*

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AMBROSE SERLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, October 28. Off Newcastle upon the Delaware.—His inability to send positive information to his Lordship. Help received from the people in the countries upon the Delaware. Insurrection for the King has begun near Lewis Town. Distress of the people; paper bills issued by the Congress increase the public misery. Sends a newspaper. Treatment received by the Quakers. He is not charmed by the present appearance of our affairs.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

JOHN ROBINSON to MR. GORDON.

1777, October 29.—No. 1. Provisions to be supplied for the army under General Burgoyne. Orders for victualling ships to proceed with all expedition for the River Delaware.

Extract. 1⅛ *folio pages.*

1777, October 30.—No. 2. Transmits copy of a letter which has been sent to the several contractors directing them to prepare a further supply of provisions for three months for the forces in America.

Copy. ½ *folio page.*

Enclosure:—

JOHN ROBINSON to MESSRS. NESBITT DRUMMOND and FRANKS.

1777, *October* 31. *Treasury Chambers.*

Copy. 1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—31 *Octr* 1777. *Copy of Letter of Requisition from Mr Robinson to the Several Contractors to deliver the fourth Quarters Provisions. N.B. A like letter sent to John Henniker; William James; John Amyand; Anthony Bacon; J. Durand; & Robert Mayne.*

SIR GUY CARLETON to LORD G[EORGE] G[ERMAIN].

1777, November 6. Quebec.—Return of officers from General Burgoyne's army who confirmed the reports of their misfortune. Arrival of Captain Craig from Albany with dispatches from General Burgoyne to Lord Germain. Letter from Brigadier Powell stating his intentions to abandon his post and return to Canada. Speaks of enclosing letters etc. Purposes sending to England all from Europe who by the Convention cannot serve here. His impatience at the non-arrival of his successor since Lord Germain has manifested to all the world that he would no longer trust him to execute the duties of his appointment. The disadvantages under which he labours.

Copy. 3⅔ *quarto pages.* [The original signed letter is in the Public Record Office, Series Colonial Correspondence, Quebec, Vol. 14, fo. 109.]

ROBERT GORDON, Commissary at Cork, to JOHN ROBINSON.

1777, November 6. Corke.—No. 6. He has now only two ships loading with provisions ordered by Mr. Atkinson. Reasons for the

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delay. All possible expedition will be used, and when ready they will be dispatched to General Howe at Philadelphia.

Extract. ⅔ *folio page.*

INTELLIGENCE.

1777, November 11.—Extract of a letter from New York. Complains that General H[owe]'s conduct since he has had command of the army has been a heap of blunders and ridiculous delays; that he has always been jealous of the superior military capacity of Burgoyne and Clinton, and has now made a sacrifice of the former by disabling the latter from making any diversion in his favour having left him barely enough troops to defend Kingsbridge, New York, and Staten Island. Others assert the contrary, and blame Carleton. Declares Washington's army to be stronger in consequence of General Burgoyne's affair, and that we cannot send over less than 20,000 more troops, as early in the spring as possible. Public opinion of the necessity of changing the Commander in Chief.

3⅔ *quarto pages.*

JOHN CRUDEN to . . . .

1777, November 14.—Extract of a letter from John Cruden dated from New York. His distress with regard to General Burgoyne's fate. Considers that had General Howe taken possession of North River, in May, June, or July last, the face of affairs would have been different. Advisability of General Howe keeping his ground at Philadelphia, to prevent supplies from reaching the New England Governments from Pennsylvania. The trade that has been carried on in the two Carolinas since November is amazing. On the arrival of a reinforcement under Genl. Robertson, Clinton made a spirited effort to form a junction with the now captive army though the only benefit was that the surrender was admitted on better terms.

1⅔ *quarto pages.*

The EARL of HARDWICKE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, November 19. Richmond.—As the state of his health makes it not advisable for him to attend the first day of the Session, desires he will accept his proxy. Wishes that some encouragement could be thrown out either on the side of Parliament or of Administration to ideas of accommodation, being convinced that the longer this unhappy quarrel subsists, it will be productive of greater inconveniences. Further sentiments on this subject.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

The EARL OF HARDWICKE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, November 21. At night. Richmond.—Expresses his sentiments with regard to the rebellion. Lord Chatham was indeed fruitless in pretending that Government had no share in engaging the Indians on our side in the last war; Lord Amherst could have spoken fully to that point.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—E. of Hardwick Nov[r] 1777, concern' his Proxy.

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DANIEL WIER, Commissary General, to SIR WILLIAM HOWE.

1777, November 27. Philadelphia.—Submitting, after examination of the papers sent to him respecting the settlement of the price of rum contracted for with Messrs. Mure Son and Atkinson, that in the present situation of the country the quantity of rum requisite could only be obtained by contract, and intimating that the report of the referees, as competent judges, may be fully accepted, as only in London could the entire charges attending such contracts be ascertained with precision.

Copy. 3 *folio pages.* [The signed letter is in the Royal Institution, American MSS. Vol. 2, No. 100.]

Endorsed:—Philadelphia 27 Nov. 1776. Copy of Letter from Dan[l] Wier Esq[r] to Genl. Howe on Atkinson's Rum Contract.

JOHN CRUDEN to . . . .

1777, November 29. Philadelphia.—Extract of a letter. Division among the Generals and men in the rebel army. Dissatisfaction shown by Congress with the terms given by Gates to General Burgoyne. Position of the enemy. State of our troops. Arrival of Lord Cornwallis from the Jersies with nearly 7,000 men. Considers the position of Europe depends upon our conquest over America, which must not be allowed to become independent.

1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev. M[r] Cruden June 1778 (*sic*).

SIR WILLIAM HOWE to MR. ROBINSON.

1777, November 30. Philadelphia.—Speaks of enclosing Mr. Wier's report with regard to the last contract for rum with Messrs. Mure Son and Atkinson.

Extract. 1 *folio page.*

The LONDON GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY.

1777, December 2.—Containing extracts of letters from various Generals in America and returns of the killed, wounded and missing in the engagements at Brandywine 11 September, German Town 4 October, and the expedition up the North River and storming of Forts Clinton and Montgomery 6 October.

Printed. 12 *folio pages.*

JOSEPH GALLOWAY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, December 3. Philadelphia.—Is pleased that his sentiments have met with his Lordship's approbation. Want of time prevents him giving a particular account of the state of the country. Reasons for believing that the rebellion in the middle Colonies is in its last languishing stage. State of Congress affairs will prevent them raising another army of any consequence.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Enclosure:—

Prices of Necessaries out of the British Lines in America.
Original. ¾ *quarto page.*

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AMBROSE SERLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, December 3. "Eagle" off Chester upon Delaware.—Details of the death of Mr. Sneyd. Winter quarters for troops at Philadelphia. Lord Howe with ships at Rhode Island. Has forwarded to Mr. Galloway his lordship's letter and is happy in forming a friendly correspondence with him. State of the enemy. Rumour of a proposal made by Washington to Congress, previous to Burgoyne's affair. Washington and Congress at variance upon the "dismission" of a General Stevens. Believes that the reason which retains thousands in support of the rebellion is the persuasion that Britain will treat America as a conquered country. Has just heard that the reports concerning Washington are without foundation.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—M^r^ Serle America.

JOSEPH GALLOWAY to RICHARD JACKSON, "Council to the Board of Trade, London."

1777, December 12. Philadelphia.—Apologises for the brevity of this letter. Speaks of enclosing a letter for Lord Dartmouth. Present temper of the Americans who are heartily sick of the rebellion.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

WILLIAM STRINGER to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, December 12. Philadelphia.—Providential escape of his (Stringer's) last letter from falling into the hands of Congress. Troops in possession of Philadelphia. Refers his Lordship to the bearer of this letter, Rev. Mr. Duché, for a particular account of the state of affairs here; Mr. Duché's appointment as Chaplain to the Congress; his reasons for leaving them; his conduct and loyalty.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *folio pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—Rev. M^r^ Stringer Philad^a^ Dec^r^ 1777.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS MORDAUNT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D. [1777, December] 14. Sunday.—The King has consented to his retirement from the service; understands Mr. Legge will profit by the regimental succession. Thanks his Lordship for his interest with regard to his concerns on this occasion, and trusts he may long retain his good opinion.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—L^t^ Col. Mordaunt 15 Dec^r^ —77.

The LONDON GAZETTE.

1777, December 13 to 16.—No. 11831. Containing the correspondence between General Burgoyne and Major General Gates of the American army and the Articles of Convention of 16 October.

8 *printed folio pages.*

SIR JAMES ADOLPHUS OUGHTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777, December 20 and 1778, January 2. Caroline Park.—Sentiments upon the present troubles in America. Considers we might be able to

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recover America if Carleton and Howe are able to maintain Canada and New York until the spring. Arrival of ships in the Clyde from New York; accounts they bring of General Clinton's return from his expedition; departure of Sir William Wallace from New York; General Burgoyne's capitulation. 2nd January.—Ideas concerning the present state of public affairs. Troops wanted to augment the corps in America. Recruiting prevented on account of the new levies. German troops under Burgoyne expected in Britain; observes that the quartering of them without an Act of Parliament for that purpose may be attended with some difficulty.

Autograph letter signed. 6 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Sr Ad. Oughton Decr 1777 Jany 1778.

INTELLIGENCE.

1777, December 24, off Mud Island, Delaware River, and 1778, January 20, New York.—Extract of a letter from J. or I. C. Considers it strange that the British Army should have done so little. Interview he has had with his friend Capt. John Linzee on the "Pearl," who has satisfied him concerning the naval operations in the Delaware. Remarks that it is not a common thing for refugees to receive civilities from those in office; his opinion on the subject; those who have persevered in their loyalty are neglected, not being thought worthy of consideration. There are in North Carolina more Friends to Government than in the whole city of Philadelphia. Clamour caused by the paper currency. Sentiments upon the rebellion; lenity thrown away on this people. Expressions of loyalty.

2⅓ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a letter from I. C. To His Father.

MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM TRYON to GENERAL BROWNE.

1777, December 31. Head Quarters, Morrisses House.—Thanks to Browne's corps for their zeal for His Majesty's service, at a time when scarcity of materials has prevented any accommodation being prepared for their winter quarters.

Copy. ⅓ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—M. General Tryon's Order's of thanks to His Excellency General Browne & Corps—31st Decemr 1777 Thos Barrett Aid-de-Camp. Ex.

THOMAS CROWLEY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N.D. [? 1777]. No. 49, Gracechurch Street.—Sets forth the work undertaken by John Daniel Hammerer to instruct and civilize the Indians at the back of South Carolina; his cash being now exhausted, desires he may be assisted from the funds under his Lordship's direction.

Letter signed. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Mr Crowley on behalf of Mr Hammerer at Long Canes in S. Carolina.

WILLIAM KNOX to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1777.—"The unfortunate Author of Four American Tracts which your Lordship is already possessed of" sends copy of the dedication

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which is to be prefixed to the volume to be presented to Lord North (which is really an account of the profit and loss sustained by him by his writings in support of the authority of the supreme legislature over the Colonies and of the measures of administration in maintenance thereof).

Autograph letter in the third person. ½ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Mr Knox 1777.

Enclosure:—

[William Knox] to Lord North.

With an Account of his profit and loss by his writings.
Autograph copy. 5 *large folio pages.*

[William Knox] to [Lord Dartmouth].

N.D. [1777 or 8.]—Sending the enclosed Considerations. "The Second part will be ready when the Writer's Bill is paid." Lord North has a copy of this "which it is hoped will overturn all his Ideas of patching up matters with the Colonies."

Autograph. ½ *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

Considerations on the great Question, what is to be done with America? Part first.
Heading and endorsement in William Knox's hand. 33 *folio pages.*

Considerations on the great Question.—What is to be done with America? Part second.

A few sentences in Knox's hand, apparently corrections. 48½ *folio pages.*

Rum Contract.

N.D. [1777.]—Observations on the Contract made by the Agents of Messrs. Mure Son and Atkinson for supplying His Majesty's Forces with Rum.

7 *folio pages.*

Stores and Provisions.

1778, January 1.—An Account of what has been done by the Treasury Board in freighting Ships to Convey Provisions and Stores to America.

16 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—An Account of the Proceedings of the Treasury in freighting Ships.

1775, November, to 1778, January 1.—Paper Endorsed:—N° 2. A particular Account of the Name & Tonnage of each Ship of which a General Account is Given in N° 1.

6 *large folio pages.*

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1778, January 1. London.—Paper Endorsed:—N° 3. A List of Ships remaining in the service on 1st Jany 1778 Shewing how each Ship was employed according to the then latest Advices, and also Shewing some subsequent Variations.

3¾ *folio pages.*

The London Gazette Extraordinary.

1778, January 9.—Containing extracts of letters from General Sir William Howe and returns of the killed and wounded in the different ships employed at Fort Island, 15 November 1777, and of the ordnance and stores captured at Mud Island and Red Bank Forts 16 and 22 November.

Printed. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Ex.

Ambrose Serle to Lord Dartmouth.

1778, January 10. "Eagle" off Newport in Rhode Island.—His arrival in Newport on the 2d instant. The last information received before their departure from the Delaware, was that the General had gone out with 8,000 men to forage; post formed by the rebels at Wilmington of 3,000 men to cut off supplies. Enclosure. Galloway's appointment as Superintendent of all civil affairs in Pennsylvania. His fitness for the appointment. No fear for the safety of the town owing to its fortifications. Difficulty about Burgoyne will be best explained by the public despatches. Departure of troops from Philadelphia for New York. Their intended movements. Public libraries at Philadelphia. Departure of Mr. Duché for England; considers him a "tolerable Sample of American Confidence and Duplicity."

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—Mr Serle 10 Jany 1778.

Enclosure:—

Joseph Galloway to [Ambrose Serle].

1777, *December* 15.—"*Washington, with his miscreant Troop, is on the other Side of Schuylkill, on very strong Ground.*" *State of the rebel army. An early campaign and vigorous measures would put an end to the rebellion in the middle colonies. Is confident the power of Congress would cease if the American army were dispersed.*

Extract. 1 *quarto page.*

Messrs. Mure Son and Atkinson to [the Lords of the Treasury].

1778, January 12. London.

Copy. 3 *folio pages.* [A copy of this paper, with others, was laid before the House of Commons 23 March 1778.]

Endorsed:—London 12th Jany 1778. Copy of Messrs Mure Son & Atkinson's Letter on their Rum Contract & pressing the Settlement.

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Enclosures:—

1778, *January* 12. *London.—N°* 1. *State of Rum arrived and taken referred to by our Letter of this date to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.*
Copy. 1 *folio page.*

[1778, *January* 12].—*N°* 2. *Estimate of the Referees, and alteration made by difference of insurance.*
⅔ *folio page.*

SIR JOSEPH YORKE to LORD H[OW]E.

1778, January 13.—"There is not a word of truth about the States of Hesse those Countries are only afraid you should send back their Troops." Recommends him to keep up the Hessian troops and to repair their losses. Declaration made by the Emperor at the Diet that he never objected to any princes furnishing troops to Great Britain.
Extract. 1 *quarto page.*

MONTFORT BROWNE to LORD DARTMOUTH per Captain Barrett.

1778, January 20. Camp at Kingsbridge.—The inducements which prompted him to take an active part in the rebellion were his zeal, duty and love for king and country. Corps raised by him. His intended movements so soon as the avenues to and from Connecticut are opened. Influence he maintains over his men. Conduct of Mr. Innes. Recommends his aide-de-camp, Captain Barrett. Considers there has been misconduct somewhere, or the Northern Army could not have fallen so ignominiously. Daring acts committed by the Colonists. Desires leave of absence and promotion. Sets forth the hardships to which he is subjected. Gallant behaviour of Captain Hayt.
Letter signed. 9 *folio pages.*

Enclosures:—

1778, *January* 20. *Camp at Kingsbridge.—A duplicate signed copy of Brigadier General Montfort Browne's letter to Lord George Germain. Considerations concerning the present Rebellion. Advisability of employing Provincial Forces. Sets forth the situation of the inhabitants of the country.*
5¾ *folio pages.*

1778, *January* 20. *Camp at Kingsbridge.—Signed duplicate of another letter to Lord George Germain. Hears of intentions to raise brigades in this country; offers his services to raise two battalions. Obstacles he has met with owing to the conduct of Mr Innes. Recommends Captain Barrett, his aide-de-camp, whom he has dispatched to England. Has been refused leave of absence. Expresses his disgust.*
3 *folio pages.*

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RICHARD ATKINSON for Company and self, to the LORDS of the TREASURY.

1778, January 22. London.
Copy. 3 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Copy of a Letter from Messrs Mure & Co relative to their rum Contract. Jany 22d 1778.

[JOSEPH GALLOWAY] to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, January 23. Philadelphia.—A multiplicity of engagements have incessantly crowded upon him ever since his arrival in the city. Remarks on the enclosed papers. Expense of the rebellion. Congress recruits its army by coercion. Sentiments concerning the state of affairs in America. Situation and state of Washington's army. Thinks advantage should be taken of the present depression of the rebels, and measures be quick, sudden and rapid. Effect of the Hessian defeat at Trenton; it prevented the province of Pennsylvania from submitting to the British Government, raised Washington's army to near 10,000 and laid the foundation of a train of evils. A Postscript of January 31 gives an account received from Fort Pitt.

Original. Not signed. 11½ *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles. Letter and enclosures.]

Enclosures:—

1778, *January.—Paper endorsed:—State of America.—with respect to the number of Inhabitants in General, and of Pennsylvania in particular.*
¾ *folio page.*

1778, *January* 1.—*A/c of the General Property of the thirteen United States of America with the Continental Congress.*
½ *large folio page.*

1777, *December* 31.—*General Account of Congress with the United States and Pennsylvania in particular.*
3⅔ *folio pages.*

An Estimate of the difference in Price of the Necessaries of Life before the commencement of the Rebellion and the present time, with Depreciation of the Continental Currency.
¾ *folio page.*

1778, *January* 1, 6, *and* 19.—*New Account of Pennsylvania with the Continental Congress.*
Not signed. 1⅔ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—A State of ye Public Debt of Pennsylvania incurred by the present rebellion.

1777, *August* 24. *Sunday morning.—The Line of March and Disposition of that part of the Continental Army under the immediate Command of General Washington when they passed through Philadelphia on Sunday Morning the* 24th *August* 1777.
Not signed. ¾ *quarto page.*

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1777, *October* 9. *Philadelphia.—Paper endorsed :—An Account of the Number of Houses &c. with the number of Inhabitants remaining in Philadelphia, and its invirons when Sir William Howe K B took possession of the City.*
Copy. 1 *folio page.*

Paper endorsed :— Schedule of the Provincial Assesment in Pennsylvania with an account of the different Species of Taxable property in the Year 1773.
Not signed. 1 *folio page.*

Paper endorsed :—An Aggregate, and Valuation of the Exports from the port of Philadelphia ; From January the 5th 1771 *to January the* 5th 1774, *each Year being distinguished.*
½ *strip.*

RICHARD ATKINSON for Company and self to the LORDS of the TREASURY.

1778, January 24. London.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *folio pages.*
Endorsed :—London 24th Janry 1778. Richd Atkinson Esqr on his Rum Contract.

JOHN POWNALL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, January 31.—Opinion of various persons upon the impracticability of an army from Canada penetrating into the New England Colonies or to Albany, if opposed by the people of the Country in arms against them. Encloses extracts of letters from Lord Loudoun confirming his statements as he believes they may be of use in stating the grounds on which General Burgoyne's expedition was undertaken. Remarks upon the employment of Indians acting with our army. Had intended to send the enclosures to Lord North but fears he has given offence by frequently troubling him on American affairs. Asks whether there is any prospect of a peaceful conclusion of the war.
Autograph letter signed. 5¾ *quarto pages.*

Enclosures :—

1760, *February* 23. *New York.—Extract of a letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst to Sir William Johnson. In John Pownall's hand. Having received His Majesty's commands for the operations of the ensuing campaign, asks him to use his influence in order to bring as many Indians into the field as he can prevail upon to join His Majesty's arms, and to have them ready as early as possible to act in conjunction with his trooops.*
Extract. 1⅓ *quarto pages.*

1776 [*should be* 1756], *August* 1 *and* 29, *and October* 3. *Albany.—Extracts of three letters from Lord Loudoun to Mr Fox in* 1756. *In John Pownall's hand.* 1*st Aug. Is endeavouring to arrange troops to cover the country. Does not*

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consider a defensive war in this part of it will do. 29th August. Cannot see any method to prevent French troops laying waste a considerable part of the country, should they come to Crown Point. 3rd October. Impossibility of supporting a defensive war for another year.

2 quarto pages.

JOHN ROBINSON to ROBERT GORDON.

1778, January 31. London.—Directing him to dispatch victuallers to Philadelphia.

Copy. ¾ folio page.

ROBERT GORDON, Commissary, to JOHN ROBINSON.

1778, February 8. Corke.—Concerning the fleet loading with provisions for Philadelphia.

Copy. ¾ folio page.

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, February 10. New Norfolk Street, Grosvenor Square.—States how he has been deprived of his ship. Astronomical observations he has made at Charlestown. Desire of John Edwards, former agent of de Brahm, to return to his allegiance. Attack upon Sullivan's Island. His detention as a prisoner. Unsuccessful application to Lord Howe to send his ship as a flag of truce. Enclosure. Sentiments upon the present rebellion. Opinion with regard to the conquering of America. Neglect practised towards the Indians.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ large folio pages.

Enclosure:—

1776, *December* 11.—[*William*] *de Brahm. Circular addressed to "Christians & Friends, in particular to Messrs Jno Edwards and Wm Parker." The paper begins:—"It is Time and high time, I be permited to depart this Place." He recalls the religious character previously displayed by the Carolinians; gives his reasons for choosing Charlestown for establishing the Office entrusted to his care. Deprecates the change displayed by the people to him in his detention as a prisoner. Sets before them their disobedience and rebellion and desires they will let him depart.*

Copy. 3 large folio pages.

Endorsed:—Mr de Brahm's Letter to His Agents in Charlestown South Carolina.

LORD NORTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1778, February 10. Downing Street.—"I find, what I have suspected, that the greater number of opinions whom I have consulted, lean to a declaration by Parliament that we will not tax, than to the repeal of the acts." Both measures they say are equally mortifying, but the former is more likely to induce the Americans to enter into a

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treaty with Great Britain, besides, if an expectation of a reciprocal contribution from them is held out, and that point recommended to the Commissioners, the latter measure is more consistent with his (North's) conciliatory proposition. Has applied to the Lords of the Cabinet to desire them to meet here tomorrow to take their opinion on this point, and desires him to be here before the hour appointed, viz. 11 o'clock.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅞ *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—Lord North 10 Feb. 1778.

Rum Contract.

1778, read February 10.—Paper endorsed:—Calculation referred to in the Observations on the Rum Contract.

Not signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

1776, January 21—1778, February 10. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall.—Paper endorsed:—Copies of Treasury Minutes relating to Mure & Co's Rum Contract.

13½ *folio pages.*

Lord Bathurst to [Lord Dartmouth].

1778, February 13.—Thinking the two letters of the 4th February to Sir William Howe and Sir Henry Clinton fatal to the affairs of this country, it was impossible for him to continue longer in the confidential cabinet. Expressions of regard and esteem.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Ld Bathurst Feby 1778.

Lord Hardwicke to [Lord Dartmouth].

1778, February (n. d. but written before his letter dated 17th). St. James's Square.—"Critical as the present Conjuncture is, with regard to the Danger of a Union between our Colonys & France," he wishes the terms of accommodation we hold out may be made as palatable and efficacious as possible. Suggests whether it would not be proper to repeal some of the hostile laws made against the Colonies, not directly, but eventually, in favour of such provinces as should return to their allegiance, and renounce Independence by a given time. Considers the departure of the Commissioners should not be delayed. Laments that conciliatory ideas were not proposed before matters were so far advanced with the French Court. Apologises for this freedom. Suggests that Gates might be made useful.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Lord Hardwicke to [Lord Dartmouth].

1778, February 17.—Flatters himself there was nothing improper in the manner, and does not think that the matter of his last letter was so futile as not to deserve some notice. Is sensible that advice obtruded unasked and unsolicited, is often unacceptable, rarely successful.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

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WILLIAM CRUDEN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, February 21. Crown Court, Covent Garden.—Has received the enclosed letter from his son only this evening. It contains several hints, which if duly prosecuted might show that the blame of our miscarriages lies, not at the door of Administration at home, but hard by the head quarters in Philadelphia. Intends calling on Monday morning.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure :—

JOHN CRUDEN, JUNR., to the REVEREND MR. CRUDEN.

1778, *January* 28. *New York.—Return of Mr Cornell and family from Newbern in North Carolina. "J. London went with him from here in the Flag of Truce with a view of getting some of his property out of that Country, from whom I received a letter" dated* 26 *December. Persecution of friends of Government continues. Distress which prevails in New York. Virginia and Maryland supplied with goods from North Carolina into which province an amazing quantity of goods is brought. Is sure of the good that would result if Lord Howe would grant letters of marque to the merchants of this town. The rebel army "have received every necessary in that round-about way, and the insignificance of the place (Occraook) prevents Lord Howe from Landing Vessels to cruize there . . . . all the Tobb° of James River in Virginia is shipped from it now" . . . Some gentlemen of Virginia and Carolina who applied to Lord Howe to send vessels there, explained to him the service they would render as well as the profit that would arise to themselves. His Lordship's words were :—'Will you never give these poor people an opportunity of comeing in.'—"If such measures are to bring them in farewell America it will never be my Country." All the resources of the rebels should be cut off by allowing them no trade to the southward and no privateers to the northward. Information received from Mr. Tucker of Virginia, of* 2,700 *men being voted in Congress for the ensuing Campaign. Sentiments concerning the enlisting in the rebel army. Is anxious to hear the result of Parliament in learning the dreadful state of General Burgoyne's captivity. Intended departure for Philadelphia. Enclosure.*

Autograph letter signed. 4¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed :—American.

Enclosure :—

North Carolina Confiscation Act. Forfeiting the land, tenements and moveable property of persons, who were absent from this State and every part of the United States on the 4th *July* 1776, *who are still absent; or who have aided the enemies of the United States. Instructions with certain provisions for the restoration of such property.*

In J. Cruden's hand. 2 *folio pages.*

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COMMISSARY ROBERT GORDON to JOHN ROBINSON.

1778, February 22. Cork.—Sends return of eight cargoes of provisions and stores for the use of the troops under Sir William Howe at Philadelphia.

Copy. ¾ *page.*

Endorsed:—N° 8 Copy of a Letter from M^r Gordon dated 22^d Feb^y 1778. Advises that the Mersey's Fleet was ready to sail the first fair Wind. N° 8.

T. WEBB to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, March 3.—That in his efforts to facilitate the success of His Majesty's arms he had not escaped the vigilance and activity of the rebels and had been apprehended by order of the Congress last April and transported to the back parts of Pennsylvania. The propriety of this step they founded on his holding a civil appointment under his Majesty as Barrack Master of Albany. His exchange effected by Lord and Genl. Howe. Desires an appointment in an Independent Company in Great Britain.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅞ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—T. Webb. Amer^a M^ch 1778.

J. GALLOWAY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1778, March 4. Philadelphia.—Details of General Washington's intended movements; his winter quarters fixed at Valley Forge on the Schuylkill 22 miles from Philadelphia, "with design to cover and command the supplies of the peninsula between Delaware and Chesapeak, to have easy access to the Jerseys and keep up the communication with the Eastern provinces, to secure his retreat over the Susquehanna and until then to cut off supplies from the city." The quarters for his men are newly-built huts or loghouses, very uncomfortable; cavalry and horses destitute of cover during severe weather; men nearly naked and both men and horses often reduced to the greatest distress from want of provision and forage, in consequence of which his army is diminished by disease and desertion. The loss of Philadelphia has deprived them of supplies, nine-tenths having previously come from there. Petition of the people of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, the Delaware and Maryland to be supported with His Majesty's troops. Considerations with regard to recruiting the army. Hostilities committed by the Indians since October last. "Unpolitic" measures pursued by Congress concerning their troops. Is of opinion that if proper measures are pursued the rebellion may soon be ended by the force now here and those intended by Parliament to be sent; advises that the Loyalists be allowed to take up arms and assist the Government as they can be safely trusted and will secure the country as the army leaves it, with very little assistance. Critical importance of an early campaign.

Letter signed; last part autograph. 10¾ *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—M^r Galloway Philadelphia M^ch 1778.

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Enclosure:—

(*Title Page*). "*Father Abraham's Pocket Almanac For the Year* 1778; *Being the Third Year of the Independence of America. Fitted to the Use of Pennsylvania and the Neighbouring States. Containing* (*Besides a Number of useful Lists, &c.*) *The Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union Between the States of America, As proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the different States. Lancaster: Printed By John Dunlap, In Queen Street.*"

31 *pages* 5″ × 3″.

Endorsed:—For Mrs Gillespie, From her Affectionate S.B.

The Reverend William Stringer to [Lord Dartmouth].

1778, March 6. Philadelphia.—Sends this by Mr. Rankin, who has had the management of Mr. Wesley's affairs. Rankin has been a good deal persecuted by the enemy and made his escape with much difficulty. He himself is the only minister in Philadelphia who has acted consistent with his oath of allegiance to the King and his duty as a clergyman; trials he has encountered from his congregation in consequence. Has presented a memorial to Sir William Howe asking to be appointed chaplain to a newly raised regiment. Distressing state of the province. Thoughts of returning to England.

Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Revd Mr Stringer Philadelphia Mch 6, 1778.

William Cruden to [Lord Dartmouth].

1778, March 10. Crown Court.—Result of his conversation with refugees from America. News from Mr. London of the distress prevailing at Philadelphia and desire of the people for peace. "A Mr. Ingersoul from Pensylvania by the way of France assures that the tidings will be welcome and adds None here know how many lives have been lost thro' cold and hunger as well as the sword. One of the Livingstones from New York writes his brother that if Parliamt repeal the Obnoxious Acts all will be well; Britain and her Colonies will again unite & tho' the Congress should oppose, the people will overrule them therein." Considers if the proposal of treating should be rejected by Congress, that the Carolinas with Georgia would be found the weakest links in the whole chain.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev. Mr Cruden March 1778.

Richard Oswald to [Lord Dartmouth].

1778, March 12.—On the subject of Mr Laurens's letter to him, written soon after the former's return to Charlestown in January 1775, which he considers deserves some notice, as the writer is now President of Congress, and his letter seems to express a sensible attachment to the interests of this country, notwithstanding his declared intention of taking part in the proposed opposition to the measures of Government. It must be owned appearances are against him since he has himself gone into the worst of the two extremes he condemns. Reasons

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for enclosing the letter [not found]. Eulogising the conduct of that gentleman with whom he has corresponded for more than twenty-one years. Refers to conversations he had with him in 1773 and 1774. When he went to Carolina in 1774 he left three sons in England at school and soon after sent over his two daughters. They are now living in the country some distance from London.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—M^r Oswald 12 M^ch —78.

ROBERT GORDON to JOHN ROBINSON.

1778, March 15. Corke.—Asks if he may send five ships, laden with provisions, away to Philadelphia, instead of waiting for the others.

Copy. 1 *folio page.*

ROYAL MESSAGE [to the HOUSE OF LORDS].

N.D. [1778, March 17.]—Draft. Announcing officially the news of the treaty between France and the revolted colonies. A copy of the Declaration delivered by the French Ambassador to Lord Weymouth is to be laid before the House of Commons and in consequence of this offensive communication from France, the King desires orders to be sent to his ambassador to withdraw from that Court. His Majesty further announces his determination to repel every insult and attack, and to maintain and uphold the power and reputation of this country.

2⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Dra^t of Message. E.

LORD GEORGE GERMAIN to the LORDS of the ADMIRALTY.

1778, March 21. Whitehall.—Orders to instruct the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's ships in North America to co-operate with and assist the Commander in Chief of the Army to carry into execution the instructions for the employment and distribution of the troops under his command.

Copy. 1 *folio page.* [The signed originals of this and the following are in the Public Record Office, Admiralty, Secretary of State's Letters, Vol. 50.]

LORD GEORGE GERMAIN to the EARL OF SANDWICH.

1778, March 21. Whitehall.—Instructions to be given to the Admiral for the assistance he is to render in the proposed attack upon the Island of St. Lucia.

Copy. 1½ *folio pages.*

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LORD GEORGE GERMAIN to SIR HENRY CLINTON.

1778, *March* 21. *Whitehall.—Most secret. Expressing the King's indignation at the offensive proceedings of the French Court; his intentions to vindicate the injured rights of his people by an immediate attack upon the French possessions in*

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the West Indies. Sends instructions for the force at New York. Necessity of concealing the purpose of the expedition. Recruits for the service.

Copy. 3¼ *folio pages.* [*The signed letter is in the Royal Institution, American MSS., Vol.* 7.]

1778, *March* 21.—*Extract from the King's Secret Instructions to Sir Henry Clinton for an immediate attack upon St. Lucia.*

1¾ *folio pages.*

JOHN ROBINSON to ROBERT GORDON.

1778, March 21. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall.—Expressing the surprize of the Board at not having received advices of the sailing of the last division of the fleet, and urging its immediate dispatch.

⅘ *folio page.*

J. GALLOWAY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, March 24. Philadelphia.—Account of General Washington's army at the Valley Forge on Schuylkill. Endeavours of the enemy to recruit its numbers. Calculation showing that the fighting men in America at the beginning of the rebellion did not much exceed 400,000. Plan of Congress to draft the Militia into the regular service; his opinion on the subject. Numbers daily flying to this city for protection. Is confident the reduction of America is not, nor ever has been, a very difficult matter.

On the wrapper is a note by M^r^ Galloway apologising for sending the enclosed papers in a rough state.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *folio pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Enclosures:—

1778, *March* 25. *Philadelphia.—An Account of the Number of Deserted Soldiers, Galleymen &c. from the Rebel Army and fleet, who have come into Philadelphia and taken the Oath of Allegiance, with a particular account of the Places in which they were Born.*

¾ *folio page.*

Sketch of the position of General Washington's camp at Schuylkill.

Original. 1 *folio page.*

ROBERT GORDON to JOHN ROBINSON.

1778, March 29. Corke.—Respecting the delay of the last division of the fleet with the fourth quarter's provisions.

Extract. 1¼ *folio pages.*

COMMISSIONERS FOR PEACE.

N.D. [1778, about March].—Ideas for Instructions to the Commissioners. This is a rough draft in the hand of William Knox, not dated but apparently drawn up early in 1778 for the Commissioners (Lord

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Carlisle, Sir H. Clinton, William Eden and Governor Johnstone) who were appointed to restore peace to America and sailed in April of that year. On another piece of paper is a Memorandum in Lord Dartmouth's hand.

3 folio pages.

Endorsed:—America.

ROBERT GORDON [to JOHN ROBINSON].

1778, April 1. Cork.—Advising that the fourth Quarter's provisions will sail the first fair wind and inclosing Return of the "British Queen's" fleet.

Extract. ½ *folio page.*

SIR JAMES ADOLPHUS OUGHTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, April 11. Caroline Park.—Ideas on the critical state of our public affairs. Is glad his Lordship approves of the receipt of Sir T. C's papers. Mortification that the 10th Dragoons are not going to Scotland this summer.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—S^r^ Ad^a^ Oughton 14 Ap^r^ 1778.

Enclosure:—

Verses on the gloomy state of affairs in 1757.

INTELLIGENCE.

1778, April 26. Whitehall.—Paper endorsed:—Account from America. Arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Dyer from Philadelphia with dispatches from Sir William Howe dated 5 March, in which he mentions the report of a revolt in Canada. Intended disposition of rebel troops under the command of the Marquis de la Fayette. Enemy at Valley Forge; sufferings they have sustained. Believes every means will be used to delay the departure of the troops under the Convention of Saratoga for Great Britain; exorbitant demands made by Congress against them. Efforts made by the writer to remove the difficulties. Agreement made with Washington for the appointment of Commissioners to meet at German Town on the 10th March.

3½ *quarto pages.*

THOMAS MACKNIGHT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, April 27. No. 87 Strand.—Desires justice from Government on account of the claim he had made to Lord Dartmouth. Memorial sent to Lord North. His loss of two vessels. Sets forth his grievances, and his efforts in the cause of the King. Recounts his services.

Autograph letter signed. 6 *folio pages.*

LORD NORTH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, May 8. Friday night 10 o'clock. Downing Street.—Sending the enclosed.

Not autograph. In the third person. ½ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—L^d^ North May 8, 1778.

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LORD NORTH to the EARL OF SANDWICH.

1778, *May* 8. *Downing Street.—Private. Opinion of Lords Weymouth, Germain, Gower, and Dartmouth that nothing contained in the letter and papers sent by Admiral Duff will justify a change in the destination of Byron's fleet. They continue to think that every dispatch should be used to send the fleet off to North America unless accounts are received of the arrival of the Toulon fleet at Cadiz and either that it continues there or sails to a different quarter of the globe. Remarks upon the apparent intention of Spain to assist D'Estaing with a squadron in his expedition to North America.*

Copy. 2 *quarto pages.*

ROBERT HOGG to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, May 11. No. 49, Threadneedle Street.—Has received letters from North Carolina, enclosing copies of a law made in that province forfeiting the property of all who do not return by October next. Has sometimes thought it would be prudent to proceed to New York and there wait the issue of the terms sent out by the Commissioners and, in case of cessation of hostilities, to endeavour to get to North Carolina, and try to bring away some of his estate. His perplexed and distressing circumstances owing to the prevailing opinion that the object of the Commissioners will not be obtained.

Letter signed. 1 *large folio page.*

Endorsed :—R. Hogg May 1778.

Enclosure :—

1777, *December* 28.—*An Act For confiscating the property of all such persons, as are inimical to the United States, and of such persons as shall not in a certain time therein mentioned, appear and submit to this State, whether they shall be received as Citizens thereof, and of such persons as shall so appear, and shall not be admitted as Citizens; and for other purposes therein mentioned.*

Printed. 1 *large folio page.*

A. PEPPERRELL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1778, May 15. Craven Street, Strand.—Places before his Lordship the circumstances of his loss, sustained in carrying supplies to His Majesty's Garrisons at New York. Refers to the particulars of his imprisonment in New Hants. and his application to Congress for leave to quit America, which was granted to him. His purchase of a vessel and capture by His Majesty's Ship "Greyhound." His vessel and cargo disposed of at New York without trial. His application to Lords North and Germain. Desires his assistance.

Autograph letter signed. 7 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—A Pepperell Esq[r] May 1778.

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CAPTAIN JOHN LECHE to the HONOURABLE COLONEL HARCOURT, Queen's Light Dragoons.

1776, *October* 29. *Salem.—He and Mr. Lewis had been made prisoners of war on the 22nd ultimo. Is sending this by Pepperrell, "a brother of Sir William Pepperrell, who did us the honor to call for any commands we might have to New York. As I find there is an express Act of Parliament to confiscate all American property without distinction; I can do no less than recommend him . . . . . lest he may be taken by some of our Frigates before he reaches New York, and his property condemned indiscriminately . . . . ." when his only view and aim in leaving this country is to get to the navy, and to serve the general cause of his King. Desires Colonel Harcourt's interest to get them exchanged.*

Copy. 2 quarto pages.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, 71st Regiment, to A. PEPPERRELL.

1776, *October* 30. *Reading.—Sympathizes with him in the great distress he has incurred by the frenzy of the times. Opinion concerning the late Act of Parliament confiscating every species of property laid hold of in American ships. Does not entertain a thought that he will suffer loss by falling into the hands of His Majesty's cruizers. Is persuaded he will meet with that reception to which his loyalty entitles him.*

3¼ quarto pages.

MAJOR-GENERAL JAMES GRANT to LORD GEORGE GERMAIN.

1778, May 24. Philadelphia.—Sir Henry Clinton has honoured him with the command of a corps of troops to be sent from New York to the West Indies, but as he has not yet received his instructions ventures only on a private letter. He took possession of the place of their destination last war. It was reckoned the most sickly island in the West Indies and it will have a deleterious effect upon his troops. Hopes his efforts will be crowned with success, but he does not wish to be tied down to a particular spot. His expenses during the American war have always exceeded his military appointments. Desires he may be put on the same footing with other officers who have commanded in America and the West Indies.

Copy. 1¾ pages. [The original letter is in the Public Record Office, Series America and West Indies, Vol. 150, fo. 1.]

ROBERT GORDON to JOHN ROBINSON.

1778, May 29. Cork.—"Our six Sail of Victuallers are ready under Orders at the Harbour's Mouth waiting for a Wind to go to Philadelphia."

Extract. ¼ folio page.

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ROBERT GORDON to JOHN ROBINSON.

1778, May 30. Cork.—"I have the Honor to send you inclosed a Return of Provisions Shipped by me in Six Ships now ready to sail for Philadelphia."

Extract. ½ *folio page.*

Endorsed:—N° 12 Corke May 30th 1778. Extract of a Letter from Mr Gordon inclosing—Returns of the Cargoes of the Sibella's Fleet.

PRECIS of ORDERS to MR. GORDON.

1777, August 2—1778, June 4.—Relative to dispatching the Supplies of provisions to America.

2 folio pages.

JOHN ROBINSON to ROBERT GORDON.

1778, June 4.—Acknowledging his letter of the 29 May, giving information concerning the victuallers. Instructions to complete the loading of the ships, and to get them ready to sail at a moment's notice. Supplies for New York.

Extract. 1½ *folio pages.*

LORD BARRINGTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, June 8. War Office.—Acquainting him of the appointment of Mr Thornton as Ensign in the 12th Regiment of Foot, commanded by Sir Henry Clinton.

Not autograph. In the third person. ½ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Ld Barrington 8 June 1778, Ensn Thornton. Ex.

J. GALLOWAY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1778, June 17. Philadelphia.—Reason for sending a duplicate of his letter of March 4. Position and strength of General Washington's army. Change of disposition of people in favour of Government. He could have raised 10,000 men on the side of the King in two months after the removal of Washington's army over the Susquehanna.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—Mr J. Galloway Philada 17 June 1778.

Enclosures:—

1778, *March* 4. *Philadelphia.—Signed copy of his letter of this date.*
8 *folio pages.*

Reasons against abandoning the City of Philadelphia and the Province of Pennsylvania.
6½ *folio pages.*

Proposal for covering and reducing the Country as the British Army shall pass through it.
3½ *folio pages.*

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Enclosures—cont.

A View of the present Strength of America in Respect of Her Number of fighting Men.
2⅓ *folio pages.*

LORD HOWE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, June 19. Eagle, Delaware.—Mr. Serle undertakes the care of the papers Lord Dartmouth furnished Lord Howe with, regarding Lord Dartmouth's correspondence when in the American Department. Renews his grateful acknowledgements for that beneficial communication.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—L^d^ Howe June 19, 1778.

J. GALLOWAY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1778, June 21. Delaware Bay.—Sends this by Mr. Serle who is furnished with a great knowledge of American affairs and the civil and military state of the country.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—M^r^ Galloway 21 June 1778.

EDWARD NEWENHAM to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1778, July 3. Barrack Street.—Quotes from a letter he has just read, concerning an intended attack against our West India Settlements. "Unpolitical" state of the Ministry; how he baffled them with regard to the repeal of the test act which he carried by 103 to 74. Hopes the Bill if it returns will return in its pristine state, if it does not, fears it will not be agreeable to the majority of the King's real friends, and a foundation for everlasting dissensions will be originated. His private opinion is, that it was absurd, impolitic and ill-timed to touch on that dangerous ground; the repeal of the Irish Popery laws without Government was sure of a large majority.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

LORD NORTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1778, July 17. Bushy Park.—"Last night intelligence was received from Dunkirk that France had declared war." A letter from Calais was intercepted with an account that orders had come from Versailles to take, burn, sink and destroy all English ships. Meeting of the Cabinet ordered by Lord Weymouth. Question to be submitted to the Council.

Autograph letter signed "N." 2 *quarto pages.* [*See* Stevens's Facsimiles.]

Endorsed:—L^d^ North 17 July 1778. Dec. of War.

LORD GEORGE GERMAIN to the LORDS of the ADMIRALTY.

1778, July 29. Whitehall.—Instructions for the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's ships in the Leeward Islands to co-operate with

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the Commander in Chief of the Troops there, in carrying into execution any attempts proper to be made upon the French possessions in the West Indies.

Copy. 1 *folio page.*

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LORD GEORGE GERMAIN to MAJOR GENERAL GRANT.

1778, *July* 29. *Whitehall.—Secret. Is informed by Genl. Clinton of his appointment to command the expedition for the reduction of the Island of St. Lucia. Strength of the French garrisons in Martinico and Guadaloupe; Lord Germain's opinion on the subject. To use his discretion concerning the employment of troops. Concerning provisions, etc.*

Copy. 3 *folio pages.*

THOMAS DANFORTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1778, August 25. No. 1, Pall Mall.—Thanks his Lordship for his kindness in acknowledging his Memorial. Explains the principles of his proposed application. His employment as Registrar of the Admiralty brought him no salary. Represents his present situation as due to neglecting to make himself known as an Officer of the Crown. His services during the war. A Mr. Francis Johonnot (brother to the Captain Johnson twice brought prisoner to England and who effected his escape by bribing the sentinel) has just left Nantz (*sic*) for America, with recommendations from the American Agents at Paris.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—M[r] Danforth Aug. 1778.

THOMAS DANFORTH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, August.—Describes his situation, being the younger of the two sons of the late president of the Council of Massachusetts Bay. His visit to England in 1774, and return to Boston where, in the autumn, arrived the East India Company's tea; the province thrown into confusion; effect upon business; position of his father; his death; imprisonment of his brother. Recounts his services. Thirty gentlemen from Boston prepared and signed a petition to Parliament which he also signed and they were allowed £100 each per annum but he desires further assistance.

Autograph letter signed. 4½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Tho[s] Danforth Esq[r] Aug. 1778.

INTELLIGENCE from AMERICA.

1778, September.—"Captain Venture of the Brig Hannah sailed from New York 1[st] Aug[t]." Lord Howe's preparations to sail with certain ships. D'Estaing's departure from Sandy Hook on the 22 July. Capture of an American letter-of-marque by Captain Venture on the 9th August; information he obtained from prisoners on board. Howe's intentions against D'Estaing.

2 *folio pages.*

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WILLIAM KNOX to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1778, October 14. Whitehall.—Announcing the arrival of D'Estaing off Rhode Island 29 July. Lord Howe's movements. Landing of Sullivan and Lafayette at Rhode Island. Lord Howe's pursuit of D'Estaing to Boston, where he blockaded him. Clinton's departure with 4,000 men to the relief of Rhode Island on 29 August. Declaration published by Congress against Governor Johnstone, who has published another "declining to act."

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—American Intelligence 14 Oct^{r} 1778.

The EARL OF SUFFOLK to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, October 14. St. James's.—Sends the copy of a letter and paper which have been transmitted by Lord Grantham, the consideration of which is postponed until the 22nd instant, when he desires his Lordship's attendance.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—E. of Suffolk 14 Oct^{r} 1778. Ex.

Enclosures:—

LORD GRANTHAM to LORD VISCOUNT WEYMOUTH.

1778, *September* 28. *San Ildefonso.—Received* 11 *October. Relating his conferences with Count de Floridablanca respecting the re-establishment of peace between France and England.*

Copy. 2½ *folio pages.* [*The autograph signed letter is in the Public Record Office, Spain, Vol.* 344.]

English translation of a Paper delivered by Count de Florida Blanca to Lord Grantham containing an offer from the Spanish King to mediate between England and France. The best method to be followed is that both these Courts submit to Spain the points each would mean to secure by a treaty. In the negotiation is to be comprehended the mode of agreement with the colonies, without which the desired tranquillity could not be secured.

2⅛ *folio pages.* [*The original Spanish is in the Public Record Office same as above.*]

Endorsed:—In Lord Grantham's No 56.

WILLIAM CRUDEN to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1778, October 19. Crown Court.—Hopes his Lordship will benefit by his visit to Bath. Enclosed remarks are the result of his son's observations, and partly communicated by a very loyal friend from North Carolina. Mentions his son's departure with a flag of truce to visit his uncle, now a prisoner among the rebels.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Rev^{d} M^{r} Cruden Oct^{r} 1778. *America.*

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Enclosure :—

1778, *August* 15 *and* 17.—*Intelligence from America.* "*The Camp of General Washington at White Plains consists of Eighteen Brigades,*" *etc. La Fayette's movements. General Mifflin's quarrel with Congress. General Lee's cause espoused by the New England troops. Accusation brought by General Arnold against General Gates. His opinion with regard to Colonel Butler's plan—that if it had been adopted at the commencement of the present contest a period would have been put to the rebellion ere then. Col. Butler only carries a blanket, he trusts to the country for provisions, takes care to have no enemy in his rear and burns as he goes. State and disposition of North and South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, the Jersies, New York and Connecticut.*

Not signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

The Earl of Suffolk to [Lord Dartmouth].

1778, October 28. Duke Street, Westminster.—The Determination taken was to accept in proper Terms the Mediation *as far as immediately relates to Great Britain and France*, and to express our readiness to restore peace and harmony with France if that power withdraws support and assistance to the colonies. Sends the result and substance of the deliberations. Arrival of five India ships.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed :—E. of Suffolk Oct^{r} 28 1778.

Lord North to [Lord Dartmouth].

1778, October 31. Bushy Park.—Thought Lord Suffolk's messenger would have brought him to town; supposes he knows the business upon which he was summoned. Mediation offered by the King of Spain. Lord North does not think it probable that peace will continue with Spain two months longer. Considers it a cruel reflection that so little has been done with our fleets and armies this year. Gloomy prospect. Glimmering of an alliance with Russia and Prussia. Has just heard that a fleet of French and American frigates with a small body of troops attacked Dominica in the beginning of September. Vice Adml. Barrington at Barbadoes. "You have read in the Gazette that Lord Howe is returned and has left D'Estaing at Boston. By Governor Johnstone's account there would be some probability of a speedy reconciliation with the Americans, if there was not an apprehension that the claim of independence would be admitted, and the forces withdrawn. It will soon be known that neither of these measures will take place, but as our troops can not be re-inforced, I am afraid we can not hope for much success in that quarter."

Autograph letter signed "N." 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Lord North—1778.

Captain James Ayscough.

N. D. [? 1778].—Memorial. Entered the navy in 1745. In 1769 raised 1800 volunteers for the navy; for this was appointed to the command of the "Swan" which was, by his own desire, stationed at

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North America. Has been unable to meet expenses incurred in the cause of Government and therefore hopes for a more lucrative appointment or pecuniary assistance.

Signed. 2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 26, Memorial of Capt. James Ayscough.

[Lord North.]

N. D. [? 1778].—Remarks submitted in Answer to the Observations communicated by Lord Dartmouth on the "Motions made some Time ago for Papers and the Difficulty of making them out in any reasonable Time."

In Lord North's hand. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—L^d^ Dartmouth.

1778.—Paper headed "First Division for Philadelphia."

½ *folio page.*

Lord George Germain to Sir Henry Clinton.

1779, January 23. Whitehall.—(Secret and Confidential). Has received and laid before the King letters received by Colonel Stewart and by Lord Carlisle and Mr. Eden. Meetings have been arranged with the Commissioners and their opinions heard on every important point respecting the mode of conduct to be pursued toward the revolted provinces, the result of all which, with regard to Sir Henry's command, Lord Germain proceeds to state.—It is most earnestly wished that "M^r^" Washington may be brought to a general and decisive action at the opening of the campaign, but if not, it is imagined that with an army of 12,000 men Sir Henry might force him to seek safety in the Highlands of New York or the Jerseys, and leave the Inhabitants of the open country to follow what the Commissioners represent to be their inclinations, and renounce the authority of Congress and return to the King's allegiance; thus Civil Government might be re-established in New York. It is also intended that two corps assisted by a naval force should act on the coast of New England and in the Chesapeake and a diversion be made on the side of Canada. Lord Germain then enumerates the reinforcements to be sent out and the supplies with instructions as to the employment of the various forces.

Copy. 9¾ *pages.* [The quadruplicate signed letter is in the Royal Institution, American MSS., Vol. 10.]

Richard Lever to Lord Dartmouth.

1779, April 14. Lothbury.—Remarks upon the enclosed petition. Propositions made by him to Lords Weymouth and North to settle the business. Trusts that relief may be granted to him.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Lever 1780 (*sic.*) concern^s^ Spain taking Ships.

Enclosures:—

1779, *April* 14. *Lothbury.—Richard Lever. Petition to Lord Dartmouth. Recounts the commerce carried on by him to West Florida and the Mississippi. Seizure made by the Governor of*

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Enclosures—cont.

New Orleans. Losses he has sustained. Ineffectual applications made for restoration and relief. Prays for letters of request to enable him to be reimbursed for his losses.
Original signed. 2½ *large folio pages.*

Printed papers containing the Case of the Seizure of the British Vessels by the Spaniards in the River Mississippi, and copy of a letter from Thomas Lloyd to Governor Bernardo de Galvez, dated 4 May 1777, demanding release of prisoners.
2¼ *folio pages.*

THOMAS MACKNIGHT to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1779, June 8. No. 67, Strand, London.—Begs his perusal of the enclosures; desires him to recommend his case to Lord North.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *folio page.*
Endorsed:—Mr Macnight June 1779.

Enclosures:—

1779, *April* 28. *Copt Hall Court.—Account of the value of the ship "Belville" and her Cargo and of the Sloop lost in the service of Government with copy of a certificate signed Antho: Bacon.*
Copy. 1⅔ *folio pages.*

Thomas Machnight. Petition to the Lords of the Treasury. His loyalty having rendered him obnoxious to the Rebels in America he was obliged in October 1775 *to leave North Carolina to avoid assassination. Seizure of a ship of his by the rebels, in December of that year. Recounts the subsequent capture of this vessel by one of His Majesty's ships of war, her first detention having prevented her beginning her voyage till after the Prohibitory Act took place. Other losses he has sustained. Prays reparation for them, and that their Lordships will grant redress, instead of allowing him to suffer by the effect of British laws.*
Copy. 2½ *folio pages.*

W. RAWLINGS to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

N. D. [1779, June or July].—Trusts we shall yet be enabled to overcome the machinations of enemies at home and abroad. Desirability of having an honest man at the head of this port; recommends Mr. William Billing as Collector, Mr. Phillips having died the previous day. If Billing is appointed "I shall soon see the nest of smugglers at Newhey demolished and the pirates that have so long infested our coast and in the last week taken 27 vessels no longer harboured there." Embarkation of Frenchmen on board an Irish wherry, Thorn, master; next day another party came, but too late; apprehends they are lurking and secreted by the smugglers. Received last week a letter from Lord Shuldham at Plymouth, who has sent round the "Swallow" ship-of-war; has despatched Bellany to pilot her where she may find the wherries. Has secured a Spanish vessel, a prize to the "Black Prince,"

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put the Lieutenant of the pirate and three of her men in irons, and sent them to Falmouth. The lieutenant says he is an American and produces a commission signed by Franklin, but it is a common thing for these cutters to hold three commissions, one from Franklin, one from France, and one from England; the villians thus escape with impunity.

Autograph letter signed. 3¾ *quarto pages.*

W. Rawlings to [Lord Dartmouth].

1779, July 31. Padstow.—Thanks him for the relief from the depredations of the pirates. Hopes Thorn will be taken on his return to Newhey; he carried off nineteen prisoners from there a fortnight ago. Application of one Day for the post as Collector, states him to have been a smuggler. Strongly recommends Mr. Billing.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Taylor Penny to Philip Stephens.

1779, August 14. "Marlborough" at Sea.—Details of his having been chased towards the Lands' End by French and Spanish ships.

Copy. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Marlborough 14th Aug. 1779, Capt. Penny. Copy. Ex.

W. Rawlings to [Lord Dartmouth].

1779, August 15. Padstow.—"On Thursday last we had a most respectable county meeting at Bodmyn when an address to the King on the present situation of affairs was unanimously voted." Trade of the county in a most deplorable state and a greater quantity of pilchards was hardly ever known on the coast. A paper stuck up in the market-place exhibiting complaints against Samuel Martyn of Newhey. Information received from the Supervisor of Truro, concerning smuggling at that town; believes it to be the cargo of the "Black Prince." Details concerning the smuggling. Necessity for Sloops of War on the coast.

Autograph letter signed. 6 *quarto pages.*

W. Rawlings to Lord Dartmouth.

1779, [about August].—In consequence of the information conveyed to the sloop-of-war by Mr. Billing, the smuggling armed cutter was chased, taken, and carried to Bristol; his sentiments on the subject of smuggling. Arrival of Martyn the Newhey officer who brings an account that the cutter had discharged her cargo of brandy and tea before she was taken.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Rawlings. 1779. Smuggling.

Sir David Lindsay to Lord Amherst.

1779, August 21. Plymouth.—"In my last of the 19th I informed your Lordship of my intention of sending the Prisoners to Exeter." Proposes to keep the American prisoners here. Trusts the steps he has taken will meet with the King's approbation.

Copy. 2½ *folio pages.*

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Copies of seven other letters which passed between Lord Amherst and Sir David Lindsay from July to September 1779, relative to the steps to be taken to prevent the enemy landing in Devonshire, and the defence of the county, and Lord Lindsay's request to be relieved of the command of the Western part of the Kingdom.

BRY. BROUGHTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1779, September 3.—Delay of Mr. Downing's appointment. Pursuit of Sir Charles Hardy's fleet by the French and Spanish. Hardy's intentions.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

BRY. BROUGHTON to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1779, September 7.—Announcing an action between Byron and D'Estaing; fears we have been worsted; difficulty of obtaining information. Grand fleet still at Spithead. Paul Jones and his little fleet on the Limerick coast.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

LORD NORTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1779, October 25. Waldersham.—Lord Gower's retirement from the Council. Stormont has accepted the Seals of Secretary of State. Offers Lord Dartmouth the post of President of the Council. Intends writing to Lord Lewisham. Ireland is running the same course with America. Apprehensions concerning the movements of D'Estaing. Glimmering of hope from Russia, where Sir James Harris shows himself a capital minister.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed on wrapper:—L[d] North 25 Oct. 1779.

Autograph copy of Lord Dartmouth's answer, not dated, saying that after having taken some hours to consider the offer, he begs to decline.

1⅓ *quarto pages.*

PARLIAMENT.

[1779, November 25.]—Drafts, not dated, of the King's Speech to the Houses of Parliament, of the Motion for an Address of thanks in reply, and of the Lords' Address.

9 *pages in all.*

In these last two months are about half-a-dozen papers, statements, etc., with reference to the troops, stores, and defence of Plymouth and the adjacent coast in anticipation of a threatened attack by the combined fleets of France and Spain.

LIEUTENANT T. G. BARRETTE, 23rd Regiment, to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1779, December 16. Brooklyn Heights.—Enclosing copy of a former letter. Desires he may be promoted. Speaks of enclosing

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papers, which will show the gallant defence of our army at Savannnah. Troops in this garrison are under orders for embarkation. Asks for letters to Lord Cornwallis and Governor Tryon.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *folio pages.*

Enclosure:—

THOMAS BARRETT, Ensign 70th Regiment, to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1779, *August* 24. *New York.—Reasons for his long silence Disappointment with regard to his promotion. His choice of a regiment. Quotes from a letter by Major General Mathews who commanded the expedition, and who, after giving an account of the success of His Majesty's arms in Virginia, recommends Barrett. Appointment as Ensign granted to him by General Tryon. Appointment he desires in the foot guards. Losses he has sustained. Refers him for further intelligence to Captain Watkins.*

Duplicate. Original sent by Captain Watkins of the Guards. Copy. 6½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Letter Copy to the Earl of Dartmouth, N. York 24 *Aug*^{t} 1779. *N.B. This person afterward was thought to behave ill—to the Gov*^{r} *& Mr*^{s} *Browne.*

Précis of Correspondence in the American Department 1779. With two tables of Troops at New York and Rhode Island, the latter dated 1st September 1779.

68½ *pages.*

S[OAME] JENYNS.

N. D. [1779].—Verses on the Dean of Gloucester's plan to relinquish the American Colonies. They begin,

"Who first contrived the Pin
To Loose Mad Horses from the chaise
And Save the Necks within."

2 *quarto pages.*

The EARL OF SANDWICH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1780, January 3. Monday Morning. Blackheath.—"Captain Fielding has fallen in with the Dutch Convoy under the command of Admiral Byland." He is now on his way to Spithead with the Dutch Admiral, and two other men-of-war, and seven or eight merchant ships loaded with naval stores for Brest.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—L^{d} Sandwich 3 Jan^{y} 1780.

The DUKE OF RICHMOND to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1780, January 8. Goodwood.—Desires to advertise a County Meeting for the 20th instant. Refers him to letters printed in the Lewes Journal and in most of the London evening papers, for the particulars of the transactions. Hopes he will stand justified in his Lordship's

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opinion for thinking that the country should have an opportunity of consulting upon the present situation of public affairs. His ideas upon the subject. Solicits his presence at Lewes on the 20th instant.

Letter signed. 1⅞ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—D. of Richmond 8 Jan^{y} 1780.

Ambrose Serle to Lord Dartmouth.

1780, January 19. Maidenhead Thicket.—His thoughts upon America never fail to give him pain; considers his sentiments upon that country are peculiar. Thinks that if the terms offered at Philadelphia in 1778 were conceded, that the most pernicious consequences would result to this country from that event. Anxieties for his country and family.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Serle Jan^{y} 1780.

Count Haxthausen to Lord Dartmouth.

1780, April 7. Schleswic.—Introduces Count Moltke, who intends to become a volunteer upon one of our fleets, to help subdue our enemies, be they Spanish or French. He is accompanied by his nephew, Baron Wedell. His hopes for peace. Asks for his Lordship's picture.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Count Haxthausen 1780.

Ambrose Serle to Lord Dartmouth.

1780, June 10. Maidenhead Thicket.—A report in circulation that Lord Dartmouth had said to a Mr. Newton "That if Government could succeed in suppressing the American Rebellion, its next object would be, entirely to reduce the Dissenters." Effect of such a report. Remarks concerning His Majesty's religious views. The very arts which were practised to inflame America, are practising here. Suggestions for the suppression of these false reports.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Serle 10 June 1780 *M^{r} Ashburner &c.*

The Duke of Manchester to [Lord Dartmouth].

1780, June 26. Tystree Camp.—Writes on behalf of his brother Lord Charles Montagu, who upon his removal from the Government of South Carolina, made application for employment. Losses he sustained in the Colonies. Considers it cruel that a man of his rank, capable and willing to serve his country, either in a military or civil capacity, should be totally refused, and forced to seek refuge in another.

Autograph letter signed. 3⅗ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—D. of Manchester June 1780 *L^{d} Cha^{s} Montagu.*

Samuel Hopkins to Lord Dartmouth.

1780, July 24. Cork.—The land he was about to rent at Morley belonging to his Lordship has been withheld, owing to the persuasion s

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of a Captain Elmsall and one Bywater. States these two men to be rebels to Government. He was in America at the breaking out of the war. Information he has previously given to Lords Dartmouth and North. Asks for redress.

Autograph letter signed. 2 folio pages.

Endorsed:—S. Hopkins July 1780 *Morley.*

INTELLIGENCE.

1780, September 25. Whitehall.—Brigadier General Dalrymple arrived this afternoon having left Rhode Island September 1st. French and Spanish fleets at St. Domingo 30 July. Capture of some of the spring Quebec fleet by rebel privateers. Rowley's movements. Great cordiality between the Rhode Island Assembly and Count de Rochambeau. Lafayette is near Washington and commands the light corps distant two miles from Paulus Hook about 3,000 strong. Washington has twelve brigades about 12,000 men, and there are 1,500 at West Point under Arnold. Clinton means to stand his ground on or near New York. Cornwallis's letters from Charles Town go down to 10 August; some of his detachments had been checked from an imprudent zeal in the officers to push forward. Repulse of Rawdon at Lynche's Creek by Gates. Proclamation by La Fayette that Canada is the object of attack. Arrival of Clinton's reinforcements in Canada. Departure of Cornwallis from Charles Town August 13.

3 *folio pages.*

WILLIAM GERARD DE BRAHM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D. [? 1780].—Reasons for sending his commission as provincial surveyor. He is conscious how it will appear at the time of the Great Trial. His interview with Mr. Robinson, who assured him that the proof he (de Brahm) had given, would take off all the blame which Governor Grant's accusation had brought against him. Recommends himself to Lord Dartmouth's protection.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *folio pages.*

Enclosure:—

1764, *June* 13. *St. James's.—The King's Commission to William de Brahm, Constituting him Surveyor General of East Florida.*

Original Sign Manual of the King. 1 *skin parchment.*

Endorsed:—2 King's Commission William de Brahm Esqr to be Surveyor General of Lands in the Province of East Florida, Entd at the Treasury—T. T. Entd at the Audr Genls Office this 14th *June* 1764 *by David Balfour Entd in the Office of the Lords Commissrs for Trade & Plantations J. Pownall.* [*In* 3 *different handwritings, the last of which is Pownall's.*]

RICHARD OSWALD.

1781, April 10.—A paper headed, "The Plan proposed in February altered, and contracted within a narrower compass." "The Papers of February were intended to shew that it is in the power of Russia to

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make a compleat Conquest of the Spanish Settlements on the South Seas." Russia's power over that of Spain; necessity of the former making a perpetual alliance with England. Plan to be introduced to the contemplation of the Russian Court. Oswald proposes that we should only desire to take a body of their troops into our pay on the same footing as those we have from the Princes in Germany, to be employed in the defence of our Colonies in North America. Effect our connection with Russia would have on all our operations.

Autograph, not signed. 37⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed on a wrapper:—9th April 1781. Mr Os——d RO.

THOMAS MACKNIGHT to the LORDS of the TREASURY.

[Not dated, query about May 1781.]—Petition, accompanied by copy of testimonials from Lord Dartmouth and Lord George Germain 4 June 1781, and copies of letters from Governor Martin 6 July 1776 and the Earl of Dunmore 29 May 1777.

3⅓ *large folio pages.*

LORD STORMONT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1781, June 11. St. James's.—As the business is of great importance, does not wish to deliver the papers until he has had his Lordship's opinion.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Ld Stormont 11 June 1781.

LORD NORTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1781, June 14. Downing Street.—Last meeting of cabinet held at Lord Hillsborough's; next one to be at Lord Germain's. On the consideration of Governor Morris's bills at the board. If Governor Browne has sent a Memorial to the Treasury, it will come under consideration. The Scotch pension list already burdened but will try to find room for Mrs. Inglis. Remarks concerning Lord Dartmouth's Shropshire friend.

Autograph letter signed "N." 4⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Ld North June 14, 1781.

THOMAS MACKNIGHT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1781, July 19. Kensington Gore.—Loss he sustained by the resentment of Congress, who seized and sold his estate in America; reward bestowed upon him by the laws of Great Britain under which that part of his property which escaped from the Rebels, was captured and condemned. These facts are fully proved by the testimony of the Governors of North Carolina and Virginia. Inadequate grant of an allowance from the Lords of the Treasury. The Petition he presented to Lord North, with its accompanying testimonials, has not been granted. Asks for an audience with Lord Dartmouth.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Ex.

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THOMAS MACKNIGHT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1781, July 24. Kensington Gore.—Detailed reasons which led him to petition in the manner he did to Lord North, for support rather than compensation. Amount of claim (about £4000). Lord North's determination concerning the petition; his mortification. Interview with Lord North. Leaves it to his Lordship's consideration, whether he will help him to procure relief.

Autograph letter signed. 8 *large folio pages.*

NAVAL INQUIRY.

N. D. [1781].—Paper relative to naval proceedings in America, at the time of Cornwallis's defeat, as obtained from letters and papers whose names are given in the margin. At the end of the document is:—"N.B. The Papers marked thus × do not come within the Order of the House, and will not therefore be presented unless moved for on Monday next, which will probably be the case."

19⅛ *folio pages.*

[W. G.] DE BRAHM to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1782, July 22. Topsham.—On the subject of the enclosure. His intention to come to town and learn whether he continues in, or has been discharged from His Majesty's service. Represents himself as having been left without support since 1779. Dreads to reassume the Surveyor's office in St. Augustine. Desires his Commission as Surveyor for East Florida and account of surveys may be remitted to him. Recommends to his Lordship's benevolence a clergyman in distress.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] De Brahm 1782.

Enclosure:—

A Biblical pamphlet entitled "The Watchman" founded on Isaiah xxi. 8.

WILLIAM SMITH to GOVERNOR SKENE.

1782, December 20. New York.—Refers to the success at Gibraltar. Lord North's observation that Smith was almost alone in not abandoning to despair upon the instructions to Mr. Grenville. "You are not always to suppose that the Loyalists of this place speak the minds of that Great Body of faithfull subjects in all parts of the continent." They perceived that the Rebel party drew no comfort from the Commissioners' letter "and concluded as I did, that this came from their Friends in Your Cabinet; and it was natural to hope the best of Lord Shelburne"; considers he acted wisely. "And now if any man doubts the practicability of recovering the Provinces, he must be utterly ignorant both of their Condition and temper." The consternation into which the Loyalists have been thrown by the instructions, has abated the dread of revenge. He has not the least doubt of immediate peace here if there was complete authority to agree upon a settlement clogged with no condition of future approbation to be obtained. Taxes

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laid on by the Congress for the year 1782 received in November last, and only show 7,853,305 of 8,000,000.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—American.

J[OHN] WENTWORTH to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1783, February 12. Hammersmith.—Recommending Mr. Simon, an Indian, educated at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, and lately arrived from America, as a deserving object of that laudable institution to which his Lordship has extended his benevolent protection. That gentleman was employed for two years as a schoolmaster to the Stockbridge Indians, and afterwards as a missionary to the Oneidas; he is now reduced to real indigence.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—J. Wentworth Esq[r] Feb 1783. *Mr. Simon.*

THOMAS MACKNIGHT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1783, March 13.—Is now advised to send a petition to Parliament as enclosed, to desire payment of the money advanced by him in the public service on the request of Government and compensation for his vessels. Reasons for sending his case and claim to Lord Dartmouth; asks him to recommend it to the attention of Lord Lewisham.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:— M[r] M[c]Knight 1783.

Enclosure:—

Thomas Macknight. Memorial [to Parliament], with copies of Testimonials from Lord George Germain and Lord Dartmouth, that from Lord George Germain dated 4 *June* 1781. *Steps taken by the Memorialist, under the direction of Government for opposing the violent measures of the Convention. Recounts in detail his services. Failure of previous applications he has made for compensation for his losses. Refers to testimonials of Lords Germain and Dartmouth and desires redress.*

Printed. 2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—*The Memorial of Thomas Macknight.*

WILLIAM CRUDEN to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1783, July 4. Crown Court, Russel Street.—Reasons for not having called upon his Lordship for so long a time. Shortly expects the pleasure of welcoming his eldest son to Britain after an absence of eight years. Enclosure.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Rev. M[r] Cruden 1783.

Enclosure:—

Extracts of letters from John and James Cruden to [W. Cruden], in William Cruden's hand. Knows he can be of use to his country; he would not have felt his present distress, had he

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Enclosure—cont.

considered his own interest, and neglected that of his King and cause. . . . . James Cruden writes, "We have advice from England till April the change of Ministry I hope will avert some of those evils which the peace portended:"—Policy which prevails in these American States and deplorable situation to which they are reduced. Picture of anarchy and misrule. Determination of all to gratify their resentment at the expense of public faith by refusing compliance with the treaty of peace as far as regards the Loyalists and their property.

1½ *quarto pages.*

PHILIP SKENE to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1783, August 27. Chelsea, five fields.—"Permit me to apologize for the Liberty, I thus take in enclosing the Copy of a Memorial which I presented to Lord North through the hands of Mr Nepean a few days before his Lordship left Town. The foundation of my Claim originating with your Lordship, I was necessarily obliged to Ground my Pretensions of right in the Manner the Memorial sets forth, had I not been otherwise encouraged under your Lordships assurance that you would take an Opportunity of mentioning the facts in my behalf to his Lordship. Give me leave now my Lord to solicit of You that favor (not that I entertain the Shadow of a doubt of his Lordships readiness to befriend me) but for the additional Weight of Your Lordships Sanction, must give to the justness of my demand; The loss I have sustained in my income in loosing the appointment of inspector of the Woods, the total confiscation of my Estate in America (through my Evil Genius Lord Shelburne) myself and Son under a Bill of Attainder which leaves me very little prospect of any future recovery of the same, are the powerfull Arguments, that enforce my application, for those Arrears which other resources hitherto made of little Account; I hope Your Lordp with (*sic*) consider it in that point of View, and kindly Aid me in Your Friendly Assistance, as it is now become a very Arduous task (sustaining such losses) to find a means of affording myself and family the necessary Supplies of Life."

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Col[l] Skene Aug 1783.

Enclosure:—

Colonel Philip Skene. Memorial to Lord North. His appointment as Lieutenant Governor and Commandant of Crown Point and Ticonderoga. His arrival at Philadelphia; seizure and imprisonment by Congress. Recounts his following General Burgoyne in his expeditions. Losses he has sustained. Asks for payment of sums due to him as Lieutenant Governor of Crown Point etc. from 28 *January* 1775 *to the present time.*

Not signed. 2 *folio pages.*

[ADMIRAL] R. DIGBY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1783, October 1, with additional paragraph on the 6th. New York.—Has just received a letter from Sir Charles Middleton concerning his (Dartmouth's) son, who is a very fine young man. Has placed him

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with Captain Keats; intended leaving him acting-lieutenant of the "Bonetta" and to have desired the Admiralty to leave her in this country; considers he is in the best way of making himself perfect in his profession. 6 Oct.—Return of the "Bonetta;" desires his Lordship will apply that she may not be relieved.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅓ *quarto pages.*

JONATHAN TRUMBULL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1783, October 1. Lebanon.—Refers to letters written by him, in his previous official capacity, to Dartmouth at the beginning of those troubles which brought on a war between Great Britain and America. Particularly mentions one of March 1775 and regrets that his suggestions were not followed. Recommends Mr. Temple, who is going to England; he and Dr. Franklin were the only Crown officers of rank who were dismissed from very lucrative and honourable employments for their attachment to America, or rather for not falling in with the other Crown officers in the misrepresentations which so fatally deceived Great Britain. Dr. Franklin has been employed and amply honoured and rewarded and would not accept, if offered, any reparation. Mr. Temple is therefore singular in his sufferings; he had been Lieut.-Governor of one province, had a seat at the council-board in five others, was surveyor-general of the royal revenue in America, and Surveyor General of Customs. Writes this not only for Temple's sake but to show that he also wishes oblivion to past injuries and a lasting return of friendship and commerce between the two nations. Sends this by his son who returns to England to improve his natural turn to the pencil, which his countryman the celebrated Mr. West considers worthy of cultivation.

Letter signed. 3½ *folio pages.*

Note.—Trumbull was the only royal governor who joined the American cause; he retained his post fourteen years; died in 1785.

[ADMIRAL] ROBERT DIGBY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1783, October 28. New York.—Has thought it advisable to appoint Mr. Legge as Acting Lieutenant, if his Lordship has interest enough to keep the "Bonetta" upon this station until he has served his time. Should he think otherwise, it will be extremely easy to send for him home next summer.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

ADMIRAL ROBERT DIGBY to SIR CHARLES MIDDLETON.

1783, October 30. N[ew] Y[ork].—Hopes to leave here the first week in December. Writes to tell him what he has done with respect to Mr. Legge. Hopes Middleton and Dartmouth will contrive to keep the "Bonetta" out here, until Mr. Legge has served his time.

Autograph letter signed R.D. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Adm[l] Digby Oct[r] 28 (*sic*) 1783.

MONTFORT BROWNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1783, December 3. Crooms Hill.—Regrets he was unable to see his Lordship when he called. Sets forth the persecution and malevolence

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to which he has been subjected. Expresses his mortification that Colonel Fanning's and some other regiments had been put upon the British Establishment, and his had been passed over.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *folio pages.*

Enclosure:—

WELBORE ELLIS to SIR GUY CARLETON.

1782, *March* 20. *Whitehall.—States that His Majesty's orders for Brigadier General Browne to come to England were positive and peremptory, and did not allow him to wait for leave from the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in America; neither was it the King's intention that he should be deprived of those emoluments of which he was in possession as a military officer.*

Copy. 1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Gov^r Browne Dec^r 1783.

J. CRUDEN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1784, October 28. St. Mary's River, East Florida.—Intelligence he has received of a serious and important nature which demands the attention of those who love their country. His eagerness to support Pitt. Has a plan for restoring America to England. "America shall yet be ours, but the House of Brunswick do not deserve the sovereignty of it." Boasts of his descent. Recounts his efforts to carry into execution a certain plan which was divulged by some one to General Tonyn. His movements in consequence. British property at stake in this province; offers his services.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Earl Dartmouth E. Florida M^r Cruden Nov^r 1784.

REV. JOHN VARDILL to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1784, November 9. No. 22, Norton Street, Portland Row.—The Commissioners have left it to him (Vardill) to apply to his Lordship for a certificate of his loyalty and services, or to subpœna him as evidence on his case. Recalls to his recollection his introduction in 1774 by General Gage; details his movements in the cause of loyalty in New York. "I take the liberty also of assuring your L^dp that I am not at present concern'd in the wild Scheme projected by the mad Ambition of some of our Clergy of being consecrated Bishops by the nonjuring Bishops in Scotland. One of them, Dr. Seabury, intended to be, & I suppose was yesterday made Bishop of Connecticut at Aberdeen."

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Rev. M^r Vardill 9 Nov^r 1784.

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Papers to which no definite date could be readily attached, but probably between 1772 and 1784.

[Lord Dartmouth] to Lady . . . .

On the subject of the objections of Mr. Russen to go to America after being advanced by the Bishop for that express purpose.
Autograph. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Paper in Lord Dartmouth's hand beginning "Dissentient." "1° Because it is avowed in the Debate that the words of the Address intend to convey an absolute promise & Engagement, w^ch^ we think unprecedented in an address upon a message of this nature, & highly unbecoming an house of Parliament to make":—2ndly. Because it is a high indignity to this House to insist upon words which bind down its future proceedings and preclude the freedom of debate and power of rejection. 3rdly. Because they disagree with the argument that they bind themselves only to comply with His Majesty's request for whenever the bill comes they must consent to it as it is, or amend, or totally reject it.
3 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Prot.

Paper in Lord Dartmouth's hand headed "For Cabinet" consisting of brief memoranda of various business. "Proposal of Gen^l^ Carleton for a Citadel at Quebec. African Co's memorial . . . . Fortifications at Placentia . . . Stopping Grants in N. York." The second page is headed 'For the King's pleasure.' "Reports to be sent . . . Continuance of detachment at Kaskaskias . . . Allowance to M^rs^ Roman—Hutchinson Letters . . . 2000 to Leeward Islands . . . Morris from St. Vincents . . . Rum Soldiers."

Delaware River.

Pen and ink sketch showing the three branches called the Mohawk, Pakacktan and Fish kill.
1 *small sheet.*

East Florida.

Paper beginning "A solution of the following plain questions is expected by the non-addressers. What sum has been annually given by Parliament for the Contingent Expenses of this Province, as the Application is wholly invisible? Whether the Indians have not with Impunity committed many outrages & are daily seducing away & openly protecting our slaves," etc., etc.
1 *page and* 2½ *lines.*

A Map of East Florida from Surveys made since the last Peace, adapted to Dr. Stork's History of that Country, by Thomas Jefferys, Geographer to the King.
1 *printed sheet.*
Endorsed:—A Survey of East Florida.

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Plan for the settlement of East Florida, drawn up by Mr. William Stork.

3 *pages.*

Endorsed:—plan for the settlement of East Florida.

Note on back of document:—"The within Contents is drawn up by Mr Wm Stork at Mr Atkinsons in Hunts Court St. Martins Lane. He lately came from East Florida."

East Florida. Provincial Litany beginning—

" O God of nature potent friend of all
Hear oh Hear thy peoples ardent Call
ffrom Grants Return wth powr Invested
ffrom Debts & Dues & bills protested
Good Lord deliver us.'

1¾ *note pages.*

EMIGRATION.

Thoughts on the means of preventing the emigration of people from this country to America, the principal cause of which appears to arise from the difficulty small farmers and labourers find in gaining a subsistence for themselves and their families.

2 *pages.*

Endorsed:—Thoughts on the Method to prevent Emigrants to America.

[WILLIAM KNOX.]

Memorandum concerning Mr. Mease.

Autograph. 5½ *lines on a slip of paper.*

Endorsed:—A. 44. Mr Mease recomd by Mr Adderley a Mem. v. Cor. p. 8. Entd.

Plan for lands in New York. "To Apply to the Crown for a Licence to purchase from the Indians within the Limits of the Province of New York 500,000 Acres of Land to be granted when the consent of the Indians shall be obtained exempt from Quit Rents for 20 years on the payment into the Exchequer of the sum of £2,000 Sterling. The Grant to be divided into Five Shares, each share containing 100,000 Acres."

Autograph. 1 *page.*

Endorsed:—Mr K——x's plan for Lands in N. York.

Paper on the state of religion in America by William Knox Necessity of providing for the subsistence of the Clergy of the Church of England in America. Suggests queries to be sent to the different Governors to ascertain what is wanted in that respect in their provinces.

Autograph. 5¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Mr Knox on the State of Religion in America. Er.

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LIEUTENANTS JOHN LEES and WILLIAM SCOTT and ten others, to the KING.

Petition. Desire a grant of 5,000 acres of land to each of them, free of quit rent, in either of the provinces of New York or New Hampshire.

¾ *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—To the Kings most Excellent Majesty
The Humble Petition of Lieut[s] Lees, Scott &c[a].

ISAAC LEVY to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

June 13. Lancaster Court, Charing Cross.—Takes the liberty to enclose a Memorial which he intends to lay before the Lords of Trade, and desires to see his Lordship on the matter.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Levy.

Enclosure:—

Memorial to the Board of Trade. Has a scheme of commerce to propose by which Great Britain and America will be greatly benefited. Requires £2,000 from Government to start it, which shall be repaid.

¾ *quarto page.*

DANIEL LITTLE to the REVERENDS—STEVENS, LYMAN, and LANCTON.

Postscript of a letter. Has obtained from good authority the "number of families from the westernmost extent of the province on the shoar up to the western side of Penobscot Bay." Gives list of families in different districts, and remarks on their houses and state of soil. Amongst them are about 70 or 80 Penobscot Indians. 5 November. Wells.—Arrived at Marblehead October 27, thence to this place, where he found his family well.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—State of Families on Penobscot. To the Rev[d] Mess[rs] Stevens Lyman & Lancton Trustees to the Care of a Missionary under an App[t] of y[e] Gen[l] Court.

MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

List of names belonging to Boston, Charles Town and Cambridge, Marble Head, Salem and Newberry.

1 *quarto page.*

NEW YORK.

State of Facts in support of the Secretary of New York's claim to the office of Register of the Prerogative or Court of Ordinary. "The office of Secretary was created by Patent from King William and Queen Mary when they established a Royal Government in New York in the first year of their Reign Anno 1688."

3 *pages.*

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Nouvelle France.

Carte de la Nouvelle France, où se voit le cours des Grandes Rivieres de S. Laurens et de Mississippi Aujourd'hui St. Louis, Aux environs des-quelles se trouvent les Etats, Pais, Nations, Peuples etc. de la Floride, de la Louisiane, de la Virginie, de la Marie-Lande, de la Pensilvanie, du Nouveau Jersay, de la Nouvelle Yorck, de la Nouvelle Angleterre, de L'Acadie, du Canada, des Esquimaux, des Hurons, des Iroquois, des Ilinois etc. Et de la Grande Ile de Terre Neuve: Dressée sur les Memoires les plus Nouveaux recueillis pour l'Etablissement de la Compagnie Francoise Occident.

1 *printed sheet.*

Endorsed:—North America.

Plants and Trees.

A Catalogue of Trees, Flowering Shrubs, Ferns, Gales, Mountainous and Bogg Plants collected in the different provinces of North America by William Young.

1 *printed page.*

Potomack River.

Paper endorsed "Computation of Carriage from Potomack to the new Government. It is proposed by Mr Ballandine, that the Locks in the River Potomack, shall always have *four feet Water in them.*"

2¾ *pages.*

John Pownall.

Memorandum in John Pownall's hand. The papers relative to Africa are ready to be laid before the House. Remarks on the possession of Sagadahoc. Barbadoes Act.

2½ *quarto pages.*

Proprietary Governments.

Copy of An Act for reuniting the Proprietary Governments in America to the Crown.

3⅔ *pages.*

Quit Rents.

Heads of a Plan for improving His Majesty's Revenue of Quit Rents in America.

7½ *pages.*

St. Augustine.

Two Plans of the Court House.

Original, pen and ink. 1 *folio and* 1 *quarto.*

Endorsed:—Plans of the Court House &c. St. Augustine No. 7. Plan & Elevation of the Court House at St. Augustine.

Timber.

Proposal for procuring a constant supply of timber from His Majesty's North American territories.

1½ *pages.*

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Washington Pedigree.

Showing the relationship of General George Washington with the Dartmouth family.

1 *folio page.*

Endorsed:—Washington Pedigree.

Octavo manuscript volume bound in red morocco containing a List of offices, Officers, how appointed, salary, and how paid in the provinces of Quebec, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, St. John's, New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, East and West Florida, Bermuda, Jamaica, Barbadoes, Bahamas, Leeward Islands, Grenada, Dominica, Promiscuous offices and Senegambia.

72 *pages.*

Two volumes containing indexes to some of the Dartmouth MSS., only partly filled up.

A folio volume bound in calf containing under the three divisions of "Governors in America," "Law Offices," and "Miscellanies," names of persons recommended for these posts, by whom recommended, and, on interleaved pages, the dates and references to the letters of recommendation.

Marquis de Chartier De Lotbiniere to Lord Dartmouth.

1790, Avril 5. New York.—His two Seigneuries situated at the head of Lake Champlain have been incorporated in the Province of New York. Has stayed away so long from Canada on account of his bad relations with Lord Dorchester.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *pages.* *French.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Lotbiniere New York 1790.

Sir Guy Carleton, K.B., long Governor of Canada, was created Baron Dorchester in 1786.

W. Legge to Lord Dartmouth.

1798, June 21. Bodmin.—Asks for a trifling annuity on account of his impoverished state.

Autograph letter signed. *With seal.* 2 *quarto pages.*

Enclosure:—

1761, *July 25. Trois Rivieres.—Francis Legge to his brother Dick. Sends this by Commissary Pitcher who goes to New York. Has placed his will (leaving everything to Dick) in the hands of James De Lancey who is to send it to him. Pleasure at his (Dick's) promotion. Has been encamped at Trois Rivieres since 28th June with five companies under his command.*

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

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DR. JOHN WHEELOCK to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1801, May 1. Dartmouth College.—Gives an account of the progress of Dartmouth College. Two sons of Captain Brant the famous chief of the Six Nations are in it. Recommends Mr. Joseph Nancrede who brings this dispatch to London.

Autograph letter signed. 3¼ *quarto pages.*

SAMUEL PETERS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1807, March 21. New York.—Informing him of a grant of land of 3000 or 4000 acres west of Lake Champlain made to Major Francis Legge in 1764. According to existing laws the land is not lost to the grantee, and he or his heirs may sell the same. The Honourable Stephen Thorn of Grenville New York State is willing to pay a fair price for it.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—1807 March Peters, N. York grant of Land.

Copy of a poem by Reginald Heber on the death of Mr. Pitt. From "Europe."*

"And thou, bright star of Europe's darkest hour,
Whose words were wisdom, & whose counsels power,
Whom Earth applauded thro' her peopled shores;
Alas! whom Earth too early lost deplores."

1 *quarto page.*

On the back is—"My dear Bob"—and an initial.

* "Europe" was published in 1812.

[WILLIAM WOOD] to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1826, November 20. New York.—Unsuccessful attempt to find the portrait of the Earl of Dartmouth, founder of the College of Dartmouth. Asks if he has another portrait or a copy which he will present to the College.

Autograph letter. 1 *quarto page.* *With seal.*

Endorsed:—New York.

Enclosure:—

1826, *August* 19. *Dartmouth College.—Letter from Professor Daniel Oliver to the Editor of the Rockingham Gazette and one [from Mr Wood] to the Portsmouth Prints dated New York 26 July. Both letters upon the subject of a full length portrait of the Earl of Dartmouth, by Copley, supposed to have been in Dartmouth College, and their inability to find the same.*
2 *pages.*

WILLIAM WOOD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1827, October 1. No. 39 South Street, New York.—Concerning the portrait of the Earl of Dartmouth. "be assured noble Sir the donation of the Head of your Grandfather will be highly acceptable to that

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Institution, and shall be immediately forwarded on arrival to New Hampshire." Invites him to take a trip to the States.

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Wm Wood with a parcel of News Papers.

WILLIAM WOOD to LORD DARTMOUTH, Sandwell, Birmingham, per Packet.

1827, October 15. New York.—"Sir I have the honour to inclose a letter from the President of the Dartmouth College with a print of the day and remain" etc.

Autograph letter signed. ½ *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

1827, *October* 1. *Dartmouth College.—Dr Bennet Tyler to William Wood, 39 South Street, New York. Thanking him for the trouble he has taken in obtaining a portrait of the Founder of the College. Satisfaction of the Officers at receiving it.*

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

WILLIAM WOOD, Agent for the Portrait, to LORD DARTMOUTH, Astley Castle, Coventry, per Packet Chelsea.

1828, February 20. New York.—"I have the honour to inclose a letter recd. from General Morton President of the Corporation of this City, and the next packet will probably (under charge of the captains) bring to the Earl of Dartmouth, the Book of the *Erie Canal* the projector of which, Governor of the State, *De Witt Clinton* breathed his last, on the day this volme was voted to your Grace."

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

J. MORTON to MR. WOOD.

1828, *February* 11. *New York.—"It gives me pleasure to inform you, that your wish, that a copy of Coldens Memoir on the completion of the great Erie Canal should be presented to the Earl of Dartmouth, will be accomplished." "We shall have it handsomely bound & with a suitable inscription."*

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

WILLIAM WOOD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1828, October 20. New York.—Per packet "Cambrian" from New York, Captain Griswold. "Our Country is divided about equally in its wishes, towards the two Presidential candidates, Messrs. Adams, and Jackson." "we observe Great Britain is still agitated with the Catholick question." Several illustrious European travellers are visiting the States.—"we still wait, with pleasure, for the hour when the Portrait of that liberal ancesstor of your Family, will arrive."

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 2½ *quarto pages.*

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Enclosures :—

1828, *February* 16. *New York.—Newspaper cutting. Orders for the First Division of the New York State Artillery. "The Major-General has the melancholy duty of announcing to the corps the death of the late Commander-in-Chief, His Excellency De Witt Clinton. He departed this life at Albany on Monday the 11th inst." Mourning Orders to the Company by order of Maj. General Morton. William D. Henderson, Aid-de-Camp.*

1828, *February* 25.—*Newspaper cutting containing, amongst other items, a paragraph headed "Courtesy." On application being made to Lord Dartmouth for a portrait of his Grandfather to replace the lost one belonging to Dartmouth College, "the Earl very promptly and handsomely replied, that he had only a single portrait of his grandfather, which, of course, he could not part with; but that he would have a copy of it taken by the first painter in the kingdom, (Sir Thomas Lawrence, we presume,) and present it to the College, with great pleasure."*

WILLIAM WOOD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1829, May 16. No. 39, South Street, New York.—Per ship Hudson, Captain Champlin. "The Author of the Life of Clinton, has presented me a Copy, of that work, for the Earl of Dartmouth, wh he is requested to accept,—Governor Clinton has filled a large space in the affairs of our country, for many years, and has left us covered with fame,' if not—glory. . . . the good people of this City are delighted that our Mother has settled the *Catholic* claims so nobly—so honorably to herself."

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1 *quarto page.*

WILLIAM WOOD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1829, July 4 and 6. No. 39, South Street, New York.—Per Packet Napoleon, via Liverpool. Acknowledges receipt of the painting of the late Earl of Dartmouth. Requests of the Corporation to have it in the Hall of Justice upon the national anniversary. After some deliberation he ventured to permit it to stand in its case, beside the portraits of Washington, Franklin, and a goodly number of their citizens. Desire for the painting to be exhibited in the Academy.

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 3 *quarto pages.*

Enclosure :—

JOHN TRUMBULL to WILLIAM WOOD.

1829, *July* 4.—"*I have just seen at the City Hall the fine portrait of the late Earl of Dartmouth, which I understood was to remain there only for the day:*"—"*permit me to beg that it may be placed for a few days in the Gallery of the Academy of the fine Arts.*"

Autograph letter signed. With seal. ½ *octavo page.*

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WILLIAM WOOD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1829, July 15. 39, South Street, New York.—Informs him that the Portrait has been sent to the College, via the Connecticut River. This morning a young painter brought the writer an excellent half-length of the picture. Thought of sending it to London. Presses Lord Dartmouth to visit the States.

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 2¼ *quarto pages.*

WILLIAM WOOD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1830, June. 39, South Street, New York.—Acknowledges receipt of His Lordship's favor of 22d April. "The *Colonial* trade with your West India Islands is about to be opened again with the U. S. which circumstance gives much pleasure to our Merchants." "We have rec^{d} the first Vol^{m} of Moores Life & of 'Byron's'." Remarks upon Byron and his parents. Believes Dartmouth's Grandfather figured on the American side during the "first part of the Rebellion"; asks if he has "any *mem^{os}* that will throw light upon the subject." "I am desired to say by our Recorder, (of the Corporation,) that they would be received here, with pleasure, & interest should time & op^{ty} permit, I hope they will reach this side of the Atlantic."

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 2½ *quarto pages.*

1830, June 10.—Newspaper Cutting from the New York Journal of Commerce dated Wednesday morning June 9, containing remarks upon Lord Dartmouth's generosity in presenting a painting of his Grandfather to Dartmouth College, and a letter from Lord Dartmouth to [William Wood] dated Berkley Square, 22d April, 1830. Pasted on a sheet of paper and addressed to Lord Dartmouth with a note from Mr. Wood:—"Your Lordships Letter to the Corporation has been received by that Body with pleasure, truly, your Lordships Serv^{t} &c. W^{m} Wood, New York June 10th 1830.

DR. NATHAN LORD, President, to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1830, July 1. Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.—Transmits vote of the trustees thanking him for the Portrait of his Grandfather. Has been informed by his predecessor in office that documents, relative to the severe contest the College had sustained with the Legislature of New Hampshire in defence of its chartered rights and to the ultimate favourable decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, had been forwarded to his Lordship. The effects of the controversy, however, paralyzing to the institution. Its losses and law expenses soon brought it to a state of almost hopeless insolvency. Successful result of subscriptions, which will relieve its embarrassments. Deficiency in the Library particularly in the departments of natural science and English literature, and great inconvenience is felt from the want of permanent instruction in the modern languages of Europe.

Autograph letter signed. 6 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—D^{r} Lord.

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WILLIAM WOOD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1830, July 16. New York.—"Mr Wood has the pleasure to enclose a Letter, & to write that a package of Books is on board the Packet *Cambria* for the Earl of Dartmouth."

Original, in the third person. With seal.

½ *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

SAMUEL L. KNAPP to WILLIAM WOOD, Brooklyn.

1830, *July* 14. *New York.—Understands he is well acquainted "with the present Earl of Dartmouth, whose ancestor was the munificent patron of my* Alma Mater *Dartmouth College, and it is said, that the living Peer is worthy of his lineal honors." Requests him to send to Lord Dartmouth,* "Lectures on American literature" *whose author "begun & finished the work in hours stolen from professional duties and those which should have been devoted to rest."*

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

LORD DARTMOUTH to DR. LORD.

N.D. Possibly 6 September 1830.—"Sir, I beg to assure you that I am extremely gratified by the vote of the Trustees of Dartmouth College communicated to me in your letter of the 1st of July." Is pleased at the successful efforts of the College to defend its chartered rights, also in raising subscriptions. Offers to give an Encyclopædia which he has understood would have been presented by his grandfather had not his connection with the institution been put a stop to by political events. Will furnish other volumes if he has a memorandum of what will be most acceptable.

Autograph rough draft. 4 *quarto pages.*

DR. NATHAN LORD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1831, April 30. Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.—Acknowledging receipt of Lord Dartmouth's letter of 6th September. Thanks him for his kind sentiments towards the College. Gratification of the Trustees at his proposal to send over some new books for the library. Encouragement given to the Trustees by the increased number of students.

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 4 *quarto pages.*

[LORD DARTMOUTH] to [DR. LORD].

1831, November 29. Sandwell.—Pleasure afforded him at the success and encouragement given to the Trustees of Dartmouth College. "I was much gratified also by the manner in which my offer of a few volumes to the College, in lieu of those which had been destined by my Grandfather for its use, was accepted by yourself & the Trustees." The case of volumes is shipped in London by the "Columbia" for New York.

Autograph rough draft. 3 *quarto pages.*

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[Lord Dartmouth] to [William Wood].

1831, November 29. Sandwell.—Acknowledges receipt of books by the Columbia Packet viz.:—Mr. Knapp's "Lectures on American Literature" and Dr. Robertson's "Sketches of Public characters." "I hope you will not consider me as trespassing unwarrantably on your kindness if I request you, once again to assist me in conveying my sentiments to those whose addresses you are better acquainted with than I can be, and to make my best acknowledgements to Dr Robertson and Mr Knapp for the attention which they have been good enough to shew me in presenting me with their very interesting production."

Autograph rough draft. 2½ *quarto pages.*

William L. Stone to Lord Dartmouth.

1839, March 30. New York.—"At the request of Mr William Wood, a personal friend, residing in the interior of the State of New York, I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship a copy of a work recently published, of which I am the author, illustrating the border history of the war of the American Revolution, and other events connected with the life of Joseph Brant, the celebrated Mohawk warrior, distinguished for his bravery and attachment to the British Crown."

Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Mr Stone New York.

Lord Dartmouth to [William L. Stone].

1839, May 15. London.—Acknowledges receipt of his letter of the 30th March, and thanks him for his Life of Joseph Brant, remarks upon the engravings, etc.

Autograph rough draft. 2 *quarto pages.*

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PART II.

LETTERS AND PAPERS RELATING TO THE WEST INDIES.

[The endorsements to the following being in most cases merely a repetition of the names and dates, are here omitted except when they contain any discrepancy in date or any additional information.]

ANTIGUA.

1765, December 20.—Copy of a letter from Antigua. "This Island being the only one submissive to the Stamp Act is in eminent danger of being ruined by Famine for want of Provisions from N° America & undone for want of Stores to make Sugar & Rum Casks, ... it will be well worth your while or any Merchants to hire a Ship & to load her with grey Pease and Beans & you need not fear a Charter at a moderate Freight, since your Friends here can easily load her."

1¾ *quarto pages.*

[1766, May.]—Note, undated, touching the solicitation of Colonel Douglas for the Government of the Leeward or Caribbee Islands Governor Thomas being about to return to England on account of his health.

1 *quarto page and* 2 *lines.*

Endorsed:—Col. Douglass.

LT.-GOV. VALENTINE MORRIS to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, March 26. Antigua.—Asking his Lordship to appoint him to succeed Sir William Young or Governor Laybourn [Leyborne]. His father served the Crown for nearly forty years in the army with singular honour and reputation.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

SIR RALPH PAYNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, July 26. Antigua.—Recommending Mr. Lyons, who has practised many years at the bar at Antigua, with the most acknowledged abilities and unblemished reputation, but who was a few months ago appointed Chief Justice of Dominica by Sir William Young.

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

JOHN LYONS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, July 29. Antigua.—On account of impaired health must give up practising as a lawyer. Asks to be recommended to some light post, where his knowledge of law would be valuable to him.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

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WILLIAM MACKINNON to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, October 8.—Intends residing in Antigua where he is a considerable proprietor, and wishes to become a Member of the Council; begs his Lordship's countenance of this application.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Mr W. Mackinnon. 7 Oct. 1773.

Enclosure:—

NATHANIEL GILBERT, Speaker, [of Assembly of Antigua] to WILLIAM MACKINNON.

1765, *December* 13.—*Thanks for his long and faithful services as a member.*
Copy. 2¼ *pages.*

SAMUEL MARTIN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, November 7. Marshalswick near St. Albans, Herts.—In Behalf of Mr. Byam to be Judge of the Admty. at Antigua.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

C. F. GREVILLE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1774, January 3.—Recommending Mr. Wm. Mackinnon.
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

VALENTINE MORRIS to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1774, February 23. Antigua.—Acknowledges his Lordship's letter of the 1st December previous, signifying the King's pleasure that he should repair to the Island of St. Vincent to enquire into the health and situation of His Majesty's troops stationed there. His embarkation for that Island (several times arranged) has been prevented by the illness of Mrs. Morris, but hopes to start in a few days in a Government sloop. Owing to fever he is unable to embark in the little coaster which sails for St. Vincent that night.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Val. Morris Esq Antigua 23 Feby 1774 relative to his Visit to St. Vincents.

SIR RALPH PAYNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, July 19. Antigua.—Thanks for a letter of the 28th October previous and for approbation of his conduct.
Private. Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *large folio pages.*

A duplicate of the same.

JAMES HUTTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, August 23. King's Road, Chelsea.—Private. Describes the spread of Christianity among the negroes of Antigua, and the want of

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funds for carrying on the work. Non-registration of the deeds with regard to the possessions in St. John, on account of the death of the Revd. Mr. Isles founder of the Mission.

Autograph letter signed. Seal removed. 3 *quarto pages.*

JAMES HUTTON (Secretary of the Unitas Fratrum) to the LORDS OF TRADE.

1774, August 23.—Memorial. Praying for a grant of land at or near Falmouth, Antigua, to build a chapel and mission house, and for a burying ground.

Autograph, signed. 1¾ *pages. In addressed wrapper. With seal.*

VALENTINE MORRIS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, January 20. Antigua.—"While I lament my own, & the nation's loss by your Lordship at so critical a time quitting the post you lately held, permit me to congratulate you on your release from the extreme fatigue" etc. Wishes to be reimbursed the money he has spent on the repairs of the Government House. Has been unable to go to St. Vincent owing to his wife's illness.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *large folio pages.*

SIR RALPH PAYNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, February 7. Antigua.—His visit to England on account of Lady Payne's health. Mr. Nugent spent ten days at Antigua before proceeding to Tortola. "I dare persuade myself that he will acquit himself of the Commission with which his Majesty hath honour'd him, with Reputation." The people among whom he is to live are neither the most tractable or pleasant in a political Light, nor the most sociable or amiable in a convivial one . . . . he shall not want the Interposition of my auxiliary authority for the Support of his own in the Virgin Islands, and I will exert every Endeavour in my Power to render his Residence in them, easy and comfortable to Him."

Autograph letter signed. 3½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—S[r] Ralph Payne Antigua 7[th] Feb. 1775. On his Leave of Absence.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR VALENTINE MORRIS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, October 4. Antigua.—Acknowledges receipt of letters of 5 July and 2 August. Pleasure at his Lordship's approbation of his endeavours to furnish a true state of St. Vincent. Attitude of the Caribs as regards the Articles of Peace and ceded lands. His fears of trouble from them justified by their recent conduct.

Autograph letter signed. 13 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Lieut[t] Gov[r] Morris Aug. 1775.

1775.—Memoranda of Subjects on which Sir Ralph Payne has had the Honour of Speaking to the Earl of Dartmouth and which his Lordship has been pleased to promise to take under his Consideration.

M.S. 6¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Mem. from S[r] R. Payne, respecting the Affairs of his Government. 1775. Ex.

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BAHAMAS.

Petition of John Green.

1764, June 6, Wednesday.—Addressed to Governor William Shirley and the Honourable Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council constituting a Court of Chancery. Copy certified by P. Brown *Reg. Can.* 7 August 1772. Has been unsuccessful in getting security. Prays that his equity may not be hurt.

1 *page.*

Endorsed:—filed 6th June 1764. P. Brown Reg. Green to The Court.

Petition of John Green.

1765, February 13.—To the same. Copy also certified by P. Brown, 6 August 1772. His case of the dismissal of two bills filed against Gould and Massey, on the ground that they were not signed. The Governor exacted a "Pistole for his Fiat" as it is called, but would never have any motion about it after—no loan or ordinance to support such exactions. . . . . "Hoping to save expences I lost a Pistole more in submiting to the imposition . . . . the dismission may appear to be want of security for Costs, but the Judges to me talked on the heads here handled. As things are so secret it is probable at a private consultation they altered their intended proceedings & assigned a new cause of dismission. They are capable of anything."

2½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—John Greens Petition to the Court, filed this 13th Febr 1765 Philip Brown Regr.

Andrew Symmer to Lord [Dartmouth].

1765, August 12. London.—Since the last peace he has been employed about Inagua and Turks Island, and from observations he made, Mr. Gambier, who commanded at Providence in the absence of Mr. Shirley, gave him a Commission to take possession of Inagua, which, before he could do so, was seized by the French by orders of D'Estaing the French Governor of St. Domingo, who immediately gave up possession on seeing Symmer's Commission saying "He never would dispute His Britannick Majesties Right to these Islands."

Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Enclosure:—

Andrew Symmer to Lord Dartmouth.

Remarks on Inagua and Turks Island. "*Turks Island and Inagua, are the Southernmost of the Bahama and Lucayos Islands . . . The Importance of their Situation to the French appears from their repeated Attempts to get Possession of them which if they had effected, would not only have secured their own Trade, but would likewise have had our Jamaica Trade at their Command. . . . The great Quantity of Salt, capable of being made on Turks Island is an Object which cannot be, too much attended to, on account of our Fisheries. . . . The other Conveniences attending a Settlement from their Neighbourhood*

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to the Rich & Opulent Islands of Porto Rico, Hispaniola & Cuba, I shall not point out."
Autograph, signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

JOHN GREEN to the COURT of CHANCERY.

1766, April 23.—Petition. Copy certified by Philip Brown 7 August 1772. Praying to be permitted to leave these Islands where he has for several years been confined by a *Ne exeat.*
3½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—In Chancery. John Green To the Court. Petition filed 23d April 1766 P. Brown Reg: Can:

THOMAS SHIRLEY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, November 3. New Providence.
Letter signed. 1½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—B. 1. Govr Shirley 3 Novr 1772, desiring Removal to a better Government.

JOSEPH GREEN (Linen Draper in Wine Street) to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, February 20. Bristol.—With reference to his brother in the West Indies.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Enclosures:—

Copy of his petition to the Earl of Hillsborough on behalf of his brother John Green of New Providence.
10 *quarto pages.*

1771, *November* 31. *New Providence. From my false imprisonment.—"Copy, or nearly so, of Mr William Taylor's second letter to Joseph Green on his own and John Green's false imprisonment and ill treatment."*
16¾ *quarto pages.*

Manuscript Pamphlet headed:—View of the Dungeon in which John Green Esqr then a Member of the lower House of Assembly was confined near eleven Months for a Contempt of Chancery, and he all the Time so sick and weak as to be scarce able to sit up right. From the rough draft of a Petition to Governor Shirley dated 10 *November* 1767, *delivered* 23rd *December.*
10 *small quarto pages.*

The above are in a wrapper Endorsed:—No 1. *Letter of* 20th *Feb.* 1773. *from Mr Green of Bristol—with Copies of a Petition, and Papers which were delivered to Lord Hillsboro & by his Lordship sent to the Governor of the Bahamas on the* 4th *Decr* 1771.

JOSEPH GREEN to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, March 6. Bristol.—Same subject.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

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BARLOW TRECOTHICK to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, May 30. Addington Surry.—Recommending Mr. Shirley to the Government of Dominica, Sir William Young having resigned.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A—14. M^r^ Trecothick, Addington, Surry, 30^th^ May 1773, for Gov^r^ Shirley.

JOSEPH GREEN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, June 7. Bristol.
Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A—16 M^r^ Green Bristol 7 June 1773 in behalf of his Brother at Providence, Bahamas.

JOSEPH GREEN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, September 7. Bristol.—Has received a large packet of papers from his brother bearing on his case. Is convinced New Providence affairs want searching into.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Enclosures:—

JOHN GREEN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, *April* 17. *New Providence.—The injustice of one man holding several offices in the Island—all the appointments worth having being held by Mr. Stirling, Mr. Pratt, and Mr. Hutchinson the Governor's nephew. "We want a great change of Men & Measures; & in nothing more so, than the uncertainty & omission of facts in order to contest illegallities, which are designedly suppresst."*
2¾ *quarto pages.*

JOHN GREEN to the COURT OF CHANCERY.

1764, *April* 25.—*Petition, with several memoranda on the back. Copy, certified by Philip Brown.* 1½ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—25 *April* 1764 *Petition to take off the Ne Exiat but never heard after a Copy served altho' several times mentioned in Court.*

Another petition to the same.
8 *folio pages.*

JOHN GREEN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, April 1. New Providence.—Recounting his troubles and bad treatment, "has had the misfortune to suffer severely from the mis-rule of this Colony."
32 *quarto pages.*

THOMAS DUNN to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, March 18. Dulwich.—Sends the following.
Autograph letter signed. ¾ *qvarto page.*

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Enclosures :—

Manuscript Pamphlet sewn in stiff pink covers, "Case of John Green Esq^r as extracted from his Letters."
22½ pages, small quarto.

N.D. Petition of John Green to Governor Shirley and the Council.
3½ folio pages.

1767, *March* 3.—*Oath concerning the seizure of M^r Green's goods by the Marshal Philip Brown, with notes on the back. John Green Defendant and James Rigby Plaintiff. Commenced February* 1764.
1½ quarto pages.

1776, *January* 29. *Presented and read in Court. Petition of John Green to Governor Shirley and the Court of Chancery. With memoranda on the back.*
2½ quarto pages.
Endorsed :—This Petition is remarkable, & deserves Attention N^o 6.

Manuscript Pamphlet sewn in stiff pink covers—"New Providence Transactions as extracted from Jn^o Green Esq^rs Letters."
26½ quarto pages.

GOVERNOR BROWNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, May 16. Greenwich.—Hopes His Lordship will seriously consider the enclosure.
Autograph letter. In the third person. ½ *folio page.*
Endorsed :—Gov^r Browne 16 May 1774 conc^s a Vessel for the use of the Bahamas.

Enclosure :—

[LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR] JOHN GAMBIER to GOVERNOR BROWNE.

1774, *May* 13. *Queen Ann Street.—Advantages to be gained by the Governor of the Bahamas having a vessel under his command.*
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

MONTFORT BROWNE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1774, May 19. Charlotte Street.
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed :—Gov^r Browne 19 May 1774, concer^s administra^n of Justice in the Bahama Islands.

JOSEPH GREEN to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1774, August 27. Bristol.—With reasons against the Chancery Decree.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

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GOVERNOR MONTFORT BROWNE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1774, October 24. Providence.—Private. Safe arrival in Providence 22nd September. Reception by Governor Shirley and the inhabitants. Disposition of the people. Distress for the want of a Chief Justice, "for neither Law nor Justice has been administered here for some years;" Begs his Lordship to send a qualified person in case Mr. Attwood refuses his offer. Desires leave to go to West Florida to settle his affairs.

Autograph letter signed. 3¼ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^{r} Browne Private 14 (*sic*) Oct^{r} 1774 +

CHIEF JUSTICE THOMAS ATTWOOD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, February 1.
Autograph letter signed. 3½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Ch. Justice Atwood, 1st Feb^{ry} 1775 respecting his own Affairs and Gov^{r} Browne at the Bahamas.

JOSEPH GREEN to MR. SECRETARY POWNALL.

1775, April 6. Bristol.
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Green of Bristol 6th April 1775, relative to his Brother's Imprisonment in the Bahamas. M^{r} Secretary Pownall.

Enclosure:—

JOHN GREEN to JOSEPH GREEN.

1774, *December* 8, *and* 1775, *February* 5. *New Providence. From a Felon's Dungeon.—Blaming his brother for his tardiness in seeking relief for him.*
4 *large folio pages.*

JOSEPH GREEN to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, April 20. Bristol.
Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M^{r} Green Bristol, 20th April, 1775, relative to his Brothers Imprisonment in the W. Indies.

CHARLOTTE (MRS.) BROWNE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, June ye 8th. New Providence. Government House.—Recommending Captain Green to his Lordship's notice. "Cap^{t} Green must do justice to your Lordship, which if he do's the favorable impression he must give the People of this Colony of your Lordship will be such as will make me inexpressibly happy to hear; likewise flatter myself it will give them a more partial turn in *our* favor which hitherto they have not had."
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

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AMBROSE SERLE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, December 2.—Explaining the case of D. McCarthy who possesses the secret for the manufacture of *Artificial* stone.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Enclosure :—

D. MCCARTHY to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, *November* 29.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed : — Mr McCarthy, concerning a bond from Govr Browne.

THOMAS ATWOOD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, March 29. Nassau, New Providence.—Sends duplicate of his former letter and enclosures, whereby His Lordship will easily perceive that the words and actions of the people do not in the least correspond. "They treat the Governor with contempt." "By the Incident that has lately happen'd there is too great Reason to suspect that the place has been sold to the Rebels."
Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *quarto pages.*

JOSEPH GREEN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, July 13. Bristol.—Encloses a letter from his brother shewing the abuses and mis-government in the Island of New Providence.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Enclosure :—

JOHN GREEN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, *May* 7. *New Providence.—Has pointed out in previous letters certain actions of the Governor and sundry officers, "thereby continuing the infamous character all Nations round have justly entertained of New Providence from bad Rulers." States other circumstances which are misrepresented in dispatches sent home, and which shew the Governor and Council to be in league with the Rebels.*
4 *folio pages.*

MONTFORT BROWNE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1779, August 4. New Providence.—Pleasure afforded him in gaining his Lordship's approbation of his conduct. Sir William Howe's apparent surprise and pleasure at his raising a brigade which has always distinguished itself. "I lament exceedingly, My Lord, the necessity I am under in declaring to your Lordship, that since my arrival at my Government I have been in a second Hell. . . . The servants of the Crown who are all engaged in carrying on an extensive & lucrative trade with the rebellious Colonys are now become the principall Abettors." Unhealthy state of New Providence.
Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

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PAPERS by ANDREW SYMMER.

1780.—On Turks Island. "The American Trade hath suffered more interruption, this War from any other in the West Indies, for which I need only appeal to the Admirals Gayton & Sir Peter Parker. But its greatest Value arises from the immense Quantity of Salt which is now made on those Islands, which are capable of supplying all North America with that important Article." The enemies chiefly to be dreaded are the Spanish and French Piccaroons belonging to the Island of St. Domingo. Sets forth the force it would be necessary to have there to keep them in subjection and the inhabitants and salt rakers in allegiance to the Mother Country.

Autograph, signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

N. D.—Queries in relation to Turks Island and Inagua. Beginning: —"The Situation of Turks Island & Inagua Command the Passage of all French Vessells bound to the North or West Parts of Hispaniola and all North American Vessells bound to Hispaniola or Jamaica."

In Symmer's hand, not signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

N. D.—Descriptive Account of the Bahama Islands. "The Buccaneers first settled them on account of their vicinity to the Spanish settlements, who were at that time the only Power, which had an American Trade worth attending to." Points out the importance of salt-making on Turks Island. "All the Vessells from North America bound to Jamaica pass thro' Turks Channell, and the Caiques, which is exceeding Safe." Sets forth the large trade that could be carried on with these Islands.

Autograph, signed. 8 *quarto pages.*

N. D.—To Lord Dartmouth. An account of the Bahama Islands. Several of the Keys and Islands are capable of growing cotton and indigo. Cotton has been tried at Providence, and found to be of superior quality to that grown in Jamaica. Proposal that the Crown should grant lands to proprietors on condition that they cultivated and brought them to a certain state of culture within a specified term of years.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

BARBADOES.

The word is spelt Barbados or Barbadoes indifferently. We have followed the document in each case.

BARBADOS COUNCIL and GENERAL ASSEMBLY to the KING.

N. D. [1766, May.]—Address. Speaking in high terms of the satisfaction Governor Charles Pinfold has given to all classes during the period he has held Office—a "ffree and faithfull Tribute of Applause which our Duty and his Desert alone conspire to draw from us at its closing Scene."

Original, signed. 1 *large page.*

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JOHN WALTER to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1772, August y^e^ 23. Farley Hill near Reading.
Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed :—M^r^ Walter 23^d^ Aug^st^ 1772, recommending M^r^ Cobham. M^r^ Walter. Counsellor in Barbadoes.

GEORGE WALKER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, August 26. Bentinck Street, Cavendish Square.
Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed :—M^r^ Walker 25 Aug^st^ 1772, recommending M^r^ Cobham to be a Councillor in Barbados. M^r^ Walker. Counsellor in Barbados. Ex.

JOHN POWNALL to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1772, October 15. London.—Is laid up with a fever. Believes there are no letters of importance received at the Office during his absence except one from Barbadoes announcing the death of Governor Spry of a putrid fever. Wishes to be appointed to that Government himself.
Autograph letter signed. 2½ quarto pages.

EDWARD HAY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, October 16. James Street, Westminster.
Autograph letter signed. 1½ quarto pages.

Endorsed :—B 35. Hon^ble^ M^r^ Hay 16 Oct. 1772, desiring to be appointed Gov^r^ of Barbados.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, October 22. Brodsworth.—Recommending his brother Mr. Edward Hay for the Government of Barbados.
Autograph letter signed. 1 quarto page.

LORD TYRAWLEY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, October 24. Isleworth.
Original, in the third person. ½ folio page.

Endorsed :—A 38 Lord Tyrawley 24 Oct. 1772, recommending his Son for a Government in America.

Enclosure :—

Lieutenant Colonel Charles O'Hara, Memorial to The King. Setting forth his twenty years' service. Praying to be appointed to the Government of Barbadoes.
1 *folio page.*

EDWARD HAY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, Fryday, October 30. James Street.
Autograph letter signed. 1 quarto page.

Endorsed :—Hon^ble^ M^r^ Hay, 30 Oct. 1772. Thanks for his Appointm^t^ to the Gov^t^ of Barbados. Hon^ble^ M^r^ Hay 30 Oct^r^ 1772.

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The Archbishop of York to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, November 2. Brodsworth.—Thanks for appointing his brother to the Government of Barbados.
Autograph letter signed. ¾ *quarto page.*

W. S. Clarke to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, November 4. West Bromwich.—Recommending his brother in Barbadoes to his Lordship's notice, to be mentioned to the new Governor, in case of a vacancy occurring which he might be fitted to hold.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Samuel Estwick (Assistant Agent for Barbados) to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, November 9. Portman Square.
Autograph letter signed. 3¾ *folio pages.*
Endorsed:—Mr Estwick 9 Novr 1772, respecting the Impropriety of a Lieut. Govr for Barbados.

[1772.]—Printed paper headed "The Case of Joseph Keeling, Esq.; Relative to His Claim to a Large Estate in the Island of Barbados."
2½ *folio pages.*

[1772.]—Memorandum respecting Mr. Keeling's Affairs.
Draft in Lord Dartmouth's hand. 2 *small quarto pages.*

Edward Hay to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, February 14. James Street, Westminster.—Thanks Lord Dartmouth for speaking to Lord Sandwich about a ship to convey him to his Government; that he will go by the merchant ship "Favourite Betsey" Joseph Lee, Master, which will be at Gravesend by March 10.
Autograph letter in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

Note by Governor Hay.

[? 1773, February].—Relative to a ship to convey him to his Government.
Autograph. 2 *pages.*

Governor Hay to George Walker.

1773, September 7. Barbados.—His dealings with the Council. Low state of the Island owing to the landed proprietors leaving their estates to managers, or letting them go to ruin entirely. The Island wants encouragement. "An Act similar to that in favour of Jamaica & Dominica, would be of great advantage to it."
Autograph letter signed. 7 *quarto pages.*

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GOVERNOR HAY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, February 8. Barbados.
Autograph letter signed. 3½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Gov^r Hay Barbadoes 8 Feb^y 1774, desiring the Collectorship of the Port of Bridge Town for his Son.

GOVERNOR HAY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, June 27. Barbados.—Private. Recommendation of Mr. Hugh Cairnes. Settlement of Mr. Clarke's affairs. Mr. Jordan's proposed resignation in the Council. Destruction among the sugar-canes by the vermin general throughout the West India Islands.
Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

GEORGE WALKER to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, Thursday, July 20. Cavendish Square.
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—G. Walker Esq^r 20 July 1775, relative to the forfeited Bonds of the Merchants of Barbados.

GOVERNOR HAY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, June 7. Barbados.—On His Lordship recommending M^r Fitzherbert to be the Agent of Barbados.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Gov^r Hay, 7 June 1777. G. R.

N. D.—Paper endorsed:—Extract from the Commission to the Governor of Barbadoes. In case of the death or absence of the Governor, and there be no Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief appointed, the eldest councillor to assume the duties of same.
⅔ *page.*

N. D.—Queries by the Bishop of London on Instruction 55 arising on account of the petition of "the Parishioners of St Lucy to deprive M^r Harris their Rector" for immorality.
Original. 3 *quarto pages.*

LORD SEAFORTH to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1801, December 29. Pilgrim.—Wishes to be at the head of the commission coming out to survey and sell the Carribbee Lands; asks his Lordship to help him to that post.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Duplicate of the foregoing, with an extra paragraph concerning his property in Guiana.
2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—1802. L^d Seaforth Pilgrim Barbadoes Dec. 29. Original sent by the D. of Cumberland Packet 29^th Dec^r 1801.

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BERMUDAS.

1766, January 31.—Memorandum of minutes, possibly of the Board of Trade, relative to the trade of the Islands.
1 *quarto page.*

Robert Nettleton to Lord Dartmouth.

1766, May 1. Leadenhall Street.—Praying his Lordship's recommendation for some provision for Mr. Popple.
Letter signed. 1¼ *quarto pages.*

Enclosure:—

Henry Popple to Lord Dartmouth.

Memorial. Is the son of Governor Alured Popple of Bermuda, deceased. Sets forth his case, prays his Lordship to take it into his consideration, and to recommend him for some provision.
1 *page.*

Lionel Chalmers.

1773, May 18.—Account of Whales. The species which frequent the Bermuda Islands, their season for breeding, the quantity of oil furnished by them, the manner of capturing them, the danger to which ships are exposed on meeting a company of them, etc. Sent to his friend Dr. Fothergill.
Copy. 9¾ *pages.*

Henry Boldero to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, March 7. Lombard Street.—Transmitting papers relative to the recovery of a debt at Bermuda.
Letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Within this is a memorandum or statement of these papers and the amount of the bond given by Messrs. Thomas and Robert Hunt, late of St. James's Westminster, then resident in Bermuda.
2 *quarto pages.*

Mr. Leonard, Chief Justice of Bermuda, to Lord Dartmouth.

1783, May 22. No. 14, Stafford Row, Buckingham Gate.
Autograph letter in the third person. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Enclosures:—

Facts of the State, Inhabitants, and Customs Revenue of the Island of Bermuda.
Original. 1½ *pages.*

Memorial to Lord North. "*That there is no Salary annexed to the Office he has the honor to hold, and that all the Emoluments arising from it do not exceed* £30 *p annum*"; "*Humbly prays*

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Enclosures—cont.

that such a Salary may be annexed to the Office of Chief Justice of Bermuda, as shall be sufficient to support the dignity of his Majesty's Commission."

Signed duplicate. 2½ *pages.*

DOMINICA.

HENRY GUINAND to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1766, April 14. Little St. Hellens.—Sending the reflections that have occurred to him relative to a free port at Dominica.

Autograph letter signed. ¾ *quarto page.*

Enclosure :—

Paper endorsed :—Mr Guinand's Plan of a free Port.
6¾ *pages.*

N. D.—Mr. Dinwiddie's plan for a Free port at Dominica. A True Copy taken this 28 Decr. 1768. Campll. Dalrymple.
2¼ *folio pages.*

N. D.—The chief points of the foregoing.
2 *pages.*

N. D.—Paper endorsed :—Col. Dalrymple's plan for a free port at Dominica.
2½ *folio pages.*

N. D.—Regulations under which it is proposed to open the Island of Dominica as a free port in order to extend and improve the British American trade and to support and increase the manufactures of Great Britain.

M.S. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed :—Free Port.

The EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH to the LORDS of the ADMIRALTY.

1768, June 21. Whitehall.—Transports for the 62d Regiment to return to Ireland.

Copy. ¾ *page.*

The EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH to LORD VISCOUNT BARRINGTON.

1768, June 21. Whitehall.—The same subject.

Copy. ¾ *page.*

MERCHANTS to the KING.

1772, October 19. Londº.—Petition of the Proprietors of Lands, Merchants, Traders and others concerned in His Majesty's Island of

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Dominica who are now resident in or about London. That a battalion might be stationed at Dominica for its protection.
Copy. 2½ *quarto pages.*

OLIVER NUGENT to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1772, December 15. Bury Street, St. James's.—Remarks upon the enclosed paper.
Letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

Enclosure:—

1772, *December* 15. *Bury Street, St. James's.—Observations On the present State of the Island of Dominica; pointing out the Alterations in the Political Arrangement necessary to promote the Welfare of the People and the Interest of the Crown in that Settlement.*
Original, signed. 8 *large pages.*
Endorsed:—N° 1. *M^r Nugent's Observations on the present State of Dominica, (with his Letters of* 15 *Dec^r* 1772 *and* 28*th Feb.* 1773).

THOMAS ATWOOD to LORD BRUCE.

1773, January 13.—Has been superseded by Mr. Hall who is not fit to fill the post of Chief Assistant Judge. Prays to be restored to his position, which he understands will give general satisfaction in the Island.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

MR. NUGENT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, February 28. Bury Street, St. James's.—Wishes to know if his "Observations" met with his Lordship's approbation. Intends soon returning to the West Indies, and asks if his Lordship has any commands to charge him with.
Autograph letter in the third person. ½ *quarto page.*

JOHN SHEPHERD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, March 8. No. 13, Cambden Street, Islington.—Asking to be appointed chaplain to the Garrison of Dominica. Is well acquainted with that Island and some of the principal Inhabitants.
Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1 *quarto page.*

LORD BRUCE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, March 30. Seamore Place.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—N° 2 L^d Bruce 30 March 1773, recommending M^r Atwood.

Enclosure:—

THOMAS ATWOOD to LORD BRUCE.

Acquainting him with the death of Mr. Hall and praying his influence to secure him the vacant post.
Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1 *quarto page.*

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JAMES BOGLE FRENCH to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, April 8. Swithins Lane.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A.—9. Ja. French Esq[r] 8 April 1773, recommending M[r] Lyons to be Ch. Just. of Dominica.

LUCIUS FERDINAND CARY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, September 15. Lower Grosvenor Street.
Autograph letter signed. 8 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—B—18. Hon. M[r] Cary 15 Sept[r] 1773. For the Government of Dominica.

[JOHN LYONS] to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D.—Concerning the enclosed.
Incomplete. 4 *quarto pages.*

Enclosure:—

1773, *May* 13, *passed the Assembly.—An Act for settling a Salary on John Lyons Esquire Chief Justice of and in this Island during his continuance in the said Office and actual Residence in the said Island.*
Copy certified by John Gay. 1¼ *large pages.*

DANIEL SHAW, Captain of the 62d to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, October 15. Winchester.—Praying to be appointed Governor of Dominica.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

WILLIAM FITZHERBERT to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, October 16. Somerset House.—The same request.
Autograph letter signed. ¾ *quarto page.*

EDWARD LEWIS to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, November 2. Stratton Street.—In behalf of Mr. Martin of Grenada for the Government of Dominica.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

EARL HARCOURT to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1774, January 1. Dublin Castle.—Recommending Mr. Hewitt either for the Receivership or Government.
Autograph letter signed. 3¾ *quarto pages.*

ADMIRAL WILLIAM PARRY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, May 13. "Chatham," in Prince Rupert's Bay, Dominica.—Geographical account of Dominica, more particularly of Prince Rupert's Bay and Roseau.
Letter signed. 3 *folio pages.*

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J. Wilson, Chief Justice of Dominica, to Lord [ ].

1774, October 30. Roseau.—Describing the business of the Department over which he presides. No fixed salary attached to it. Prays for recompense.
Autograph letter signed. 4 quarto pages.

Sir Lawrence Dundas to Lord [Dartmouth].

1775, June 25. Moor Park, Herts.
Autograph letter signed. 2½ quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Sr Lawr Dundas 25 June 1775, rec. Lt. Col. Bruce to be Govr of Dominica.

William Knox to [? the Secretary of the Treasury].

1779, April 30. Whitehall.—Concerning the salary of Governor Shirley of Dominica.
Copy. 2 folio pages.
Endorsed:—Govr Shirley.

N. D.—Extract of a letter from Mr. Shirley to Mr. Cumberland.
½ folio page.
Endorsed:—Pedigree of Governor Shirley &c &c &c &c.

[1403—1774].—A Table of the Descent of the Shirley Family.
2 large folio pages.

GRENADA.

W. Lindon to Abram Rawlinson, Senr.

1766, February 12. Grenada.—His arrival in Grenada on the 13th January and cool reception by the Governor. He (the Governor) "pays little or no Regard to His Majesty's Orders."
Autograph letter signed. 1½ quarto pages.

Governor William L. Leyborne to Thomas Townsend.

1772, July 24. Grenada.—Suspending him from his office of Councillor on account of his conduct at the Council meeting of 23 July.
Copy. ⅔ page.

Governor William L. Leyborne to the Earl of Hillsborough.

1772, July 25. Grenada.—No. 25. Acknowledging receipt of despatches Nos. 6 and 7. Will observe His Majesty's pleasure respecting the yellow Caribbs of St. Vincent and make particular enquiry into Captain Higginson's claim upon the Deputy Vendue Master.
Copy. 1 folio page.

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The Earl of Rochford to Governor Leyborne.

1772, October 1. Whitehall.—To return immediately to Grenada (owing to the disturbed state of the same,) and to leave the command of the expedition against the Charibs as well as the execution of His Majesty's orders concerning the 32d Regiment to Mr. Dalrymple who will receive the rank of Major General.
Copy. 2 pages.

The Reverend John Botham to Lord Dartmouth.

1772, October 12. Abbey Yard, Bath.—Praying an appointment for his son in Grenada.
Letter signed. 4 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Rev[d] M[r] Botham 12 Aug[st] 1772 for his Son at Grenada.

Governor William L. Leyborne to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, June 27. Grenada.—Introducing Sir Francis Laurent a gentleman of considerable property in the Island.
Autograph letter signed. 1 quarto page.

General Robert Melvill to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, January 7. In the offing of Madeira.
Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—Gen[l] Melvill, 7[th] Jan[ry] 1773. Respecting a Memorial.

General Robert Melvill to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, December 24. Great Pulteney Street.—Asking that all dispatch may be made concerning the payment of the claim due to him. Annexed is a copy of his note to Lord North of the previous day requesting an audience concerning a memorial which was sent to Lord Dartmouth while he (Melville) was abroad.
Autograph letter signed. 3 quarto pages.

D'hermand de Clery, avocat au Parlement de Paris et aux conseils du Roy, to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, Avril 28. Rue Jacob, a Paris.—Sends the following and asks a reply.
Autograph letter signed. With seal. French. 1 quarto page.

Enclosure:—

1774, *Avril.—Memorial on behalf of M. le Chevalier Des Barats, signed D'Hermand de Clery, to Lord Dartmouth. Claiming his Lordship's protection for this gentleman, who went to live in Grenada when it was under the rule of the King of France.*
Original, signed. 4 pages. French.

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HENRY WILMOT to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, August 11. Bloomsbury Square.
Letter signed. With seal. 2 quarto pages.
Endorsed:—Hen. Wilmot Esq^{r} 11th Augst 1774. M^{r} Horne Att^{y} Gen^{l} of Grenada.

WILLIAM SNELL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, August 26. Austin Friers.
Letter signed. 2 large folio pages.
Endorsed:—M^{r} W^{m} Snell Austin Friars 26 Aug. 1774. Stating objections to a Law of Grenada for the Recovery of debts.

1774, November 5. London.—Memorandum, not dated. Grenada Bill—Mr. Montagu Agent attends with Mr. Mansfield Council—Grenada planters and merchants attend. With a paper dated 5 November headed and endorsed "Reasons against the Grenada Bill now depending before the Right Honorable the Lords of Trade."
2 payes.

BEESTON LONG (Chairman) to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1774, December 4.—Thanks his Lordship on behalf of the West India Merchants for the part he has taken in disallowing the Grenada Act.
Autograph letter signed. 1 quarto page.

BENJAMIN DUHAMET, curé de St. George representant Les nouveaux Sujets du quartier, to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, ce 11 fev^{r} a la ville St. George, Grenade.—Thanking him for his attention to the petition presented to him last October concerning the lands of their church.
Autograph letter signed. 1 quarto page. French.

WILLIAM MACINTOSH to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, April 17. Grenada.—Has cause to believe the death of General Leyborne "will create a suspension in those measures particularly which it may have been the views of Government to effectuate." In spite of the distresses in the country caused by the failure of credit in the commercial line, he believes the new Islands would have quietly granted a duty to His Majesty and his successors equal to the revenue raised by the 4½%. The sooner a new Governor is appointed the happier it will be for His Majesty's service and the Inhabitants. "Gov^{r} Leyborne had just attain'd a true Idea of the Constitution & people, and was entering into measures to effect a reformation, when the Colony received a severe shock by his death."
Autograph letter signed. 3¾ quarto pages.
Endorsed:—M^{r} Macintosh Grenada 17 April 1775, respecting Grenada Affairs.

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COMTE DE GUINES to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, Mai 27. Paris.—Introducing M. Le Comte who wishes to see certain papers in his Lordship's department concerning an important affair conducted in England.
Autograph letter signed. French. 1 *small quarto page.*

GEORGE MERCER to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, June 14. Curzon Street.
Letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Col. Mercer 1775, desiring Gov^{t} of Grenada.

THOMAS HARLEY to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, June 16. Aldersgate Street.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—R^{t} H. Tho^{s} Harley 16 June 1775, recom^{s} M^{r} Martin for Gov. of Grenada.

ROBERT YOUNG to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, July 6. Harrowgate.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—M^{r} Young 6th July 1775, soliciting the Gov^{t} of Grenada for his Brother in the room of M^{r} Leyborne.

SIR GEORGE MACARTNEY to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, July. Sunday night. Charles Street B.S.
Autograph letter signed. ¾ *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—S^{r} G. Macartney July 1775, requesting the Governm^{t} of Grenada.

WILLIAM HEWITT to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 1. Craven Hill.—Some months back he was unsuccessful in obtaining the Receivership of Moneys arising from the sale of lands in the ceded islands; prays for the Government of Grenada.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

REV. J. FOUNTAINE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 20. Marybone.
Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Rev^{d} M^{r} Fountaine Aug. 1775, desiring a Place for his Son.

WILLIAM HEWITT to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 21. Craven Hill near Kensington.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—M^{r} Hewitt Aug. 1775, soliciting the Government of Grenada.

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ROBERT YOUNG to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 21. Crescent, London.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Mr Young Aug. 1775, recommending his Brother to succeed to the Govt of Grenada.

LADY JANE MACARTNEY to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, August 25. Charles Street.—Soliciting the Government of Grenada for her husband.
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

COMTE DE GUINES to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, Août 30. Londres.—Asking his Lordship for a letter of recommendation for M. Vaihant to take to the Governor of Grenada, he having business matters to settle there.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *small quarto pages. French.*
Endorsed:—French Ambassador.

COMTE DE GUINES to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, Août 31. Londres.—Thanking him for his kindness in granting his requests.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *small quarto page. French.*

W. LUCAS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D.—Concerning a dispute that occurred in 1774 respecting Mr. Corsar's seat in the Council.
Letter signed. 4 *folio pages.*

MERCHANTS to the KING.

N. D.—Petition of British Planters and Merchants, Proprietors of Lands in the Island of Grenada or concerned in the Trade thereof. Setting forth the discontinuance of the terms held out to induce them to reside in that and other Islands ceded at the Treaty of Paris of 1763, and praying the restoration of the said original constitution conformable to the royal proclamation and letters patent under the sanction of which they were induced to become settlers and purchasers in the Island.
1⅘ *folio pages.*

N. D.—State of Grenada. Case. Quoted here is the speech of Thomas Townsend to the Council 23rd July 1772 for which he was suspended (see Governor Leyborne's letter of 24 July of that year).
7¼ *large folio pages stitched.*

N. D.—Papers endorsed, "Extract from the Commission to the Govr of the Grenades." Touching the provision for the carrying on of the Government in case of the death or absence of the Governor.
1½ *folio pages.*

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N. D.—Paper endorsed "Grenada," and beginning,—"The Islands of Grenada, St. Vincent and Tobago, tho' all under one Governor General, are nevertheless each of them separate and distinct Governments." "In each Island where the Governor General is not resident the Administration of Government devolves upon the Lieutenant Governor, who has a Commission from the King; and where neither the Gov^{r} General nor the Lieu^{t} Governor are Resident, the Administration devolves upon the President of the Council." Thus it is seen that in case the Lieutenant Governor is absent from an Island where the Governor does not reside, the full power devolves on the principal Councillor, who receives his instructions from the Governor General, but has not the power to increase or diminish them. Comments upon the evil of this rule, especially when it occurs in an Island where the King's troops are stationed, though in the present state of the constitution it is unavoidable.
2½ *folio pages.*

Draft of the foregoing.

GUADALOUPE.

ELIZABETH TOLVER, a native of GUADALOUPE, to the KING.

N. D.—Petition. Praying recompense from the Government for discovering a plot of the French inhabitants to massacre His Majesty's forces and subjects in the Island of Guadaloupe in one night. With recommendation of members of the 62nd, 63rd, and 65th Regiments, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Earl of Hillsborough.
2¾ *folio pages.*

ELIZABETH TOLVER to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1772, September. London. At M^{rs} Crafford, Arundel Street, Panton's Square in the Top Hay Market.
Letter signed. 3½ *folio pages. French.*

Enclosure:—

Copy of the above petition to the King and of one to Lord Hillsborough.

JAMAICA.

1724, May 18.—Paper endorsed, "Extract of a Report of S^{r} Philip Yorke and S^{r} Clement Weary, His Majesty's Attorney & Solicitor General, dated 18 May 1724." "As to the Revenue it does not appear to us that any will subsist after the Determination of the present Revenue Act, besides the Rents reserved upon the Grants of Lands, Licenses for selling strong Liquors, and the casual Revenue of Fines, Forfeitures and Escheats." The power of levying new taxes rests on the question whether Jamaica be considered a colony of English subjects, or as a conquered country.
3 *pages.*

1756, December 27.—Minutes. Touching Jamaica papers and questions of resolutions as to riots and authority.
Rough draft. 1 *page.*

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[About 1763].—Remarks on the Spanish Trade at Jamaica from the breaking out of the war with Spain in 1739 when the Assiento Contract was stop'd to the present time.

8½ *pages.*

Endorsed:—Spanish Trade.

Second part of the foregoing.
13⅔ *pages.*

LORDS of the PRIVY COUNCIL to the GOVERNOR of JAMAICA [William Henry Lyttleton].

1765, March 19.—Expressing the King's approval of the Governor's conduct, and his displeasure at several resolutions passed by the late House of Assembly, in support of certain pretended Privileges.

Extract. 1½ *pages.*

MRS. SARAH EWER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, March 26. Hatton Garden.—Concerning the collection of debts due to her in Jamaica. "Mr. Barrett notwithstanding his repeated Promises to my Attorney's in Jamaica as by the Enclosed Abstract from their Letters,) now denies to pay his Father's Debts, in consequence of which it is thought necessary to file a Bill in Chancery to make him discover to what Purpose his Fathers Effects were Apply'd."

Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

1762, *February* 27—1764, *March* 10. *Kingston.—Abstracts from Messrs Dwarris and McLean's letters to Mrs Sarah Ewer.*

2½ *quarto pages.*

GOVERNOR WILLIAM HENRY LITTLETON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, May 1. Jamaica.—Thanks for granting him leave of absence. Misconduct of Lieutenant Colonel Musgrave; thinks he ought to be brought to a General Court Martial.

Autograph letter signed. 2⅓ *quarto pages.*

1766, May 1. Jamaica.—Duplicate original of the above.

SIR ROBERT MURRAY KEITH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, September 10. London.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A 52. Sir Robert M. Keith. London, Sept. 10, 1772, recommending his Brother Sr Basil. v. Cor. p. 1—2. Entd Sr Robt Keith Sr B. K.

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Enclosure :—

ROBERT KEITH to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1772, *September* 3. *Hermitage near Edinburgh. Asking his Lordship's influence in behalf of his son Sir Basil Keith. Autograph letter signed.* 2½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—Mr Keith, Hermitage near Edinburgh, Sept. 3d 1772, *v. Cor. p.* 1 *&* 3, *Ent.*

1772, September 14. Sandwell.—Drafts of Lord Dartmouth's answers to these two letters. That Sir Basil will be among the first he will wish to recommend to the King and that he hopes at some future time to be able to give him a post as Governor.
Autograph. 1¾ *pages and* ¼ *page respectively.*

MR. SWINEY to MR. HORSEFALL.

1772, September 29. Pontefract.
Autograph, in the third person. 2½ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed :—29 Septr 1772 Mr Swinney to Mr Horsefall respects His Sons at Jamaica R/ from Ld Dartmouth.

LORD ROCHFORD to LIEUTENANT-GENERAL GAGE.

1772, October 7. Whitehall.—The first battalion of Royal Americans is to relieve the 36th Regiment at Jamaica.
Draft. ¾ *page.*

SIR BASIL KEITH to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

[Early in 1773].—Announcing the death of Sir William Trelawney on the 18th (*sic*) December and his burial the next day.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

MESSRS. ROSE and STEPHEN FULLER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, February 21. Gerrard Street.—Begging the honour of a private audience on the subject of a successor to Sir William Trelawney. Mr. Frederic Vane's name was mentioned the previous day at a meeting of several of the gentlemen of Jamaica as a proper person to succeed him, and they believe his appointment would give general satisfaction.
Original, in the third person. 1 *quarto page.*

WILLIAM DE GREY to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, February 26.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed :—A—4. Lord Chief Justice De Grey. Feb. 26, 1773, recommending Col. Dalling v. Answ. Cor. p. 11.

Enclosure :—

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN DALLING to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1772, *December ye* 13.—*Acquainting him of the death of Sir William Trelawney on the* 11*th, and begging to be retained at his post in the Government.*
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

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SIR JAMES ADOLPHUS OUGHTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, March 11. Caroline Park.—Sir Basil Keith's appointment to the Government of Jamaica has given general satisfaction. Seamen's riots in Glasgow. "Poor Sir Basil is, I am sure, too full to tell any part of what he feels; (in proof of which I enclose you his Letter to his Father)."

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Enclosure :—

SIR BASIL KEITH to ROBERT KEITH.

9 *o'clock, Friday evening. Announcing his appointment.*
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

ROBERT KEITH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, March 11. Hermitage.—Expresses his agreeable surprise on being acquainted of his son's appointment to the Government of Jamaica. Thanks. "I never doubted of his being soon provided for in the way he so much wished, but the Government of Jamaica was an object so very considerable that my hopes, nay even my wishes never reached so far."

Autograph letter signed. 2¼ *quarto pages.*

SIR ROBERT MURRAY KEITH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, March 27. Vienna.—Private. "Will your Lordship permit me to say of my Brother that I know him to be active, ingenuous, and disinterested? He loves his Duty and he feels the extent of it."

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—S[r] Rob[t] Keith Vienna 27 M[ch] 1773. With Thanks for conferring the Gov[t] of Jamaica on his Brother.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN DALLING to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, April 3. Jamaica.—Has received an intimation from Sir Basil Keith that His Majesty had been pleased to appoint him Governor of the Island. Is at a loss to express his sense of Lord Dartmouth's attention to his (Dalling's) interest in assuring him that no unusual expedition (*sic*) should deprive him of his present situation. Is disappointed at hearing that Sir Basil Keith intends leaving England in October as he had hoped to remain in administration the usual time allowed to all Lieutenant Governors. His Lordship's letter had revived those hopes, and he has the firmest reliance on the assurance there given.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN DALLING to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, May ye 1st. Jamaica.—"I am very nearly made miserable by having succeeded to that, for which many years have been dedicated, not that I look'd anxiously to keep the government of this Island, at the same time, my Lord, I own that I expected to be indulg'd with the same

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span of time, which has ever been given to the most insignificant of my Brethren, this expectation has been overset from the immediate appointment of another Gov^r I still hope but in part, for I look up to your Lordship in particular, and flatter myself that altho' there has been so immediate an appointment yet that Capt^n Keith will not be allow'd to leave England so soon as he intimates, (in Oct^r next)" . . . "in short, my Lord I am absolutely ruin'd."

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

SIR GEORGE BRYDGES RODNEY to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, May 3. Jamaica.—Acknowledgment of the polite manner in which he has been told of the King's intention of bestowing the government upon another person. Humbly submits to His Majesty's pleasure. Offers his services while he has the honour of commanding in these seas.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN DALLING to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, June ye 12th. Jamaica.—Asking to be created a Baronet of England.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

OLYMPIA WEBB to [ ].

1773, July 24 ? [mutilated].—Craving protection for Mr. Webb who is in Jamaica, having purchased estates there.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed :—M^rs Webb from E. F. Stanhope Esq.

SIR BASIL KEITH to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, September 14. London.—Recounts the arrangements which were made for him to proceed to Jamaica about the middle of October; surprise and disappointment at the "Squirrell" not being ready to depart at the specified time; asks if he may take a passage in a merchant ship as he wishes to get to Jamaica before the Assembly rises. "Coll^l Dalling will by that time have had his full twelve months in the Government . . . If I go in the Squirell I cannot expect to be at Jamaica before the middle of February." If his stay in England is prolonged it will much prejudice his private fortune.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

Endorsed :—N° 4. S^r Bas. Keith Sep^r 14, 1773. On his Passage to Jamaica.

SIR BASIL KEITH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, September 29. London.—Will take his passage to Jamaica in a merchant ship as the "Squirrell" will be so long getting ready.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

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Sir Basil Keith to Lord Dartmouth.

1773, November 25. Falmouth.—Has been waiting at Falmouth since the 6th for the "Dawkins," the ship to convey him to Jamaica. As the wind is favourable he hopes to sail this day.

Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Bryan Edwards.

1773, December 20. Jamaica.—Thoughts on the Spanish Assiento Contract. The King of Spain having granted the Spanish Assiento Company permission to remove their principal factory to the Havannah and to purchase slaves from the neighbouring Colonies and convey them in Spanish vessels to their own settlements, it occurs to the writer that from the vicinity of Jamaica to the Spanish Settlements where negroes are most demanded a large trade might be established there, providing the slaves could be purchased in sufficient numbers and under as advantageous terms as in the other British Plantations. "I consider the renewal of the free port Law, for another Year, a fortunate Circumstance for the Island of Jamaica, as the Spanish traders will for their own Sakes, most certainly prefer those ports in which their Safety is founded on Law, to places where their preservation depends only on the weak and precarious Tenure of Connivance and favor." Suggests that instead of renewing the Free Port Act, the Navigation Act should be moderated in regard to *Spain only*, in admitting all their vessels to every British Port, on condition that they do not break bulk while there. Should this occur, the increased number of slaves purchased by the British on the Coast of Guinea will necessitate an increase of at least twenty vessels, also an increase of flour and other provisions for the extra slaves, which will employ at least 15 or 20 more vessels from North America, thus increasing the trade not only of Great Britain but of the whole of her Colonies, preventing the several Plantations from repining "at that illiberal preference which they say is now shown to Jamaica" and "which would soon open a golden fountain flowing through the Colonies to Great Britain, enriching like the Nile the Territories through which it flows."

Signed. 2½ large folio pages.

Sir Basil Keith to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, January 9. King's House, Spanish Town, Jamaica.

Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

Endorsed:—S[r] Basil Keith Jamaica 9 Jan. 1774 informing of his Arrival at Jamaica.

Sir Basil Keith to Mr. Pownall.

1774, February 19. Jamaica.—"What with Business, Parade, & Ceremony my time has been entirely taken up since my arrival in this Island." Returns his best thanks for all favours; and begs the continuance of his friendship and kindness. "You'll see by my public Letter* that a most disagreable, and unexpected matter has happen'd

* This public despatch is in the Public Record Office, Colonial Correspondence, Jamaica, Vol. 11.

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on my outset in Government." Trusts his superiors will approve of his conduct on the occasion especially as he believes his Majesty's service will not suffer by the steps taken. "The more I consider of the matter, the more I think the words of the intend'd act were misconstrued." Doubts not but that he will have some instruction or opinion sent to him in order that he may act in the best manner for the King's service and the peace of the community. "If you can further me such Assistance it will be doing me a Service that no lenth of time or distance shall ever make me forget."

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Edward Stanley to John Pownall.

1774, March 23. Custom House, London.
Letter signed. 1¼ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—M^r^ Stanley to M^r^ Pownal w^th^ account of Cotton imported from & Linen exported to Jamaica.

Enclosures:—

1774, *March* 23. *Custom House, London.—An Account of the Quantity of Wool Cotton Imported into England from the Island of Jamaica from Christmas* 1763 *to Christmas* 1766, *and from Christmas* 1768 *to Christmas* 1770. *Signed by John Tomkyns Assistant Inspector General.*
Original. ¾ *large folio page.*

An Account of the Quantity of British Linens Exported from England to Jamaica for the same period. Signed as above.
Original. 1 *large folio page.*

Sir Basil Keith to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, March 23. Jamaica.—M^r^ Knill's short stay in Jamaica prevents Sir Basil shewing him any particular attention as Lord Dartmouth wished. "He has executed his Commission here to the satisfaction of everybody; and I believe to the great advantage of the Crown; and with the greatest Credit to himself; you'il find him a most intelligent Man; well able to give you information to every question you may please to put to him relative to this Island."

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

Stephen Fuller to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, April 21. Southampton Street, Bloomsbury.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Ste^n^ Fuller Esq^r^ 21 April 1774. Inclos^s^ copy of a Letter concer^s^ the Free Ports of Jamaica.

Enclosure:—

1774, *January* 4.—*Paper by Bryan Edwards* (*same as above under* 20 *December* 1773).
Copy. 3⅓ *large folio pages.*

*Endorsed:—The Hon^ble^ Bryan Edwards Esq^r^ of the Council of Jamaica dated 4^th^ Jan^y^* 1774, *under Cover to Stephen Fuller Esq^r^ Agent for Jamaica.*

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The Earl of Northampton to Lord [Dartmouth].

1774, May 3. London.—Asking for a Government in the West Indies or on the Continent of America for Sir George Rodney, who is to be immediately superseded in the command at Jamaica by Admiral Gayton and is only waiting his arrival there.
Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

1774, May 18.—Prayer of the Jamaica Petition. "The two Regiments at Jamaica to be augmented to 1000 men each. "One Regiment of 1000 men to be added." "N.B. Mr Fuller finds upon conversing with the Gentlemen lately arrived from Jamaica that the Cannon in general in all the small Forts are in very bad condition, and the carriages decayed & fallen to pieces."
1 *quarto page.*

Sir Basil Keith to Lord [Dartmouth].

1774, May 29. Jamaica.—With pleasure gives Colonel Dalling a letter of introduction to his Lordship as he (Dalling) requested. "His Abilities, and long residence here, well qualify him to give your Lordship every kind of information relative to this very important Settlement, the Strenth of its Neighbours, and *I am very sorry to say* its own weakness." Will make the inquiries Lord Dartmouth desires about the office in Chancery and report thereon.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Sr Bas. Keith Jam. 29 May 1774, relative to Col. Dalling, the Island of Jamaica, Office in Chancery, &c.

Sir G. B. Rodney to Lord [Dartmouth].

1774, June 1. Jamaica.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Sr Geo. Rodney. Jamaica 1 July 1774 relative to obtaining a Govt.

Sir Basil Keith to Lord [Dartmouth].

1774, June 11. Jamaica.—Has made a particular inquiry respecting the office of Examiner in Chancery, and finds there are eleven of these in ordinary and twenty-two extraordinary in the different parishes of the Island, therefore little profit can accrue from such an appointment, and such an officer would be unacceptable to the Master in Chancery.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

Stephen Fuller to Lord [Dartmouth].

1774, June 17. Southampton Street, Bloomsbury.
Autograph letter signed. 1¼ *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—St. Fuller Esqr June 17 1774, with Intelligence of Quiet in Jamaica.

Sir Basil Keith to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, September 2. Jamaica.—"Your private Letter of the 3d of June is wrote in a stile so delicate, & friendly as doubly adds to the

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repeated obligations you lay me under. . . . I will continue to pursue the only acceptable mode of shewing my gratitude to you; which is by convincing the people over whom I have the Honour to preside; that you have sent them an honest man, zealously attach'd to his Majesty & ever anxious for their prosperity & happiness." Is much distressed by the death of his secretary Captain Robertson.

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *quarto pages.*

STEPHEN FULLER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, October 7. The Office Whitehall.—The "Seaford" of twenty guns and one hundred and thirty men being ordered home, hopes Lord Dartmouth will order another ship to be sent out in her room.

Autograph letter in the third person. ½ *page.*

Endorsed:—Note from the Agent of Jamaica.

COLONEL W. DALRYMPLE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1774, November 3. London.—Lays a memorial and account before his Lordship [not here]. The poor man concerned has "been most unjustly dealt with by the Island."

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Col. Dalrymple 3 Novr 1774 with a Memorial of W. Walker.

SIR BASIL KEITH to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1774, November 19. Jamaica.—If Government sends a further assistance of troops to Jamaica as desired by the legislative petition, asks that he may be appointed Colonel of the Regiment with the usual pay and perquisites. Justifies his request by shewing that the Governor's salary has decreased fully one third during the last twenty years, and how expensive a country Jamaica is to live in.

Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*

CHARLES NETHERCOTE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1774, December 29. Hull.—Thanks for mentioning his name to Sir Basil Keith.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

SIR BASIL KEITH to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1775, June 12. Jamaica.—His gratitude for the repeated marks of friendship and kindness shewn to him by his Lordship. His efforts to prove worthy of the protection afforded. Refers his Lordship to his public letter for the general defence he has endeavoured to make for his conduct. "From the very extraordinary Nature of the Petition I cannot be surpriz'd at the great offence it has given to His Majesty, and the Legislative Authority of Great Britain." He expects and dreads the consequences. "I have all the Laws now before me that I have assented to since I came to the Administration, yet I cannot guess at *the other improper ones* your Lordship mentions to have pass'd the Assembly: and I trust no further proof of my misconduct will be found." Attempts

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to vindicate himself with regard to the delay in transmitting the laws as they pass. He has been blamed for giving his assent to the Additional Duty Bill without a suspending Clause. Unsuccessful searches he has made for a precedent in the shape of an annual money bill carrying a suspending clause. Desires his Lordship to enquire of Sir William Trelawney (who is on his way to England) the history of the petition, and the necessity of the Additional Duty Bill.

Autograph letter signed. 8 *quarto pages.*

1775, June 12. Jamaica.—Duplicate original of the foregoing.

Memorial for FRANCIS DOUGLAS.

[1775].—Sets forth the dissatisfaction caused by Robert Hodgson, Superintendent of the Mosquito Shore; representations made in consequence to Sir William Trelawney Governor of Jamaica and to the Earl of Dartmouth. Sir Basil Keith ordered to make strict inquiries into these complaints. Francis Douglas recommended as a proper person to hold the post, should Mr. Hodgson be removed.

1⅓ *pages.*

1780.—Paper endorsed, "Precis 1780. Applications for assistance from the Island of Jamaica from 1773 to 1779." In margin:—"This Precis was drawn up for Lord George Germain's Use, and refers to Inclosures which were too voluminous to be Copied in time but the Contents of them are abridged, and stated in this Paper.—Lord Stormont will have the originals, the most material of them are here inserted and referred to Alphabetically."

Stitched with red silk. 13¾ *pages.*

Accompanied by the following:—

A. Extract of a letter from Sir Basil Keith to Lord Dartmouth dated Jamaica 11 June 1774, concerning ordnance stores for Jamaica.

B. Paper endorsed, "Ordnance. In M^{r} Boddington's to M^{r} de Grey 17th Dec^{r} 1779," and, again, "B. Jamaica, no supply of ordnance and Stores from 1747 to 1777 May be Relied upon. I have Compared the Estimates to Parliament & Orders which agree. J. Boddington."

C. Light artillery wanted for the Island of Jamaica. (Enclosure in Sir Basil Keith's letter of 11 June 74 above.)

D. Forces at Jamaica during the last war.

E. Totals of the latest Returns of the Forces at Jamaica. November 1779.

F. Comparative View of the Naval Force stationed at Jamaica during the last and present war.

G. Copy of a letter from several of the Merchants &c. of Jamaica—Sir John Taylor, M. Goulbourn, Sir John Wedderburn & 45 others to their Chairman, Chaloner Arcedeckne Esq. dated London, 7 February 1780, expressing their reasons for dissenting from the petition.

H. Extracts from the Jamaica correspondence from 1756 to 1763 concerning the French and English squadrons.

I. Copy of a letter from Lord George Germain to Stephen Fuller. Whitehall 13 December 1779. "To acquaint the Jamaica

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Planters and Merchants, that The King, and all His Majesty's Confidential Servants continue to have the fullest impressions of the very great value and importance of Jamaica, and therefore they may be assured, that no Attention will be wanting to its Security and the protection of its Trade."

THOMAS PALMER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1802, Tuesday, June. Madeira, on board the "Phœnix."—To know what his Lordship will have done with his wine supposing it should arrive while he is absent from town.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

SIR PHILIP MUSGRAVE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

N. D.—Desires Lord Dartmouth to recommend his Brother (Lieut. Colonel of Lord Adam Gordon's Regiment in Jamaica) to the Governor.
Autograph, in the third person. ½ *quarto page, a piece torn off.*

N. D.—Charles Williamos, Collector of Customs at the port of Lucea in Jamaica. Memorial to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury. Went to that place in 1768. Difficulties in establishing a Custom House owing to the adverse temper of the people. Owing to his bad treatment his health has suffered. Prays to be removed from Jamaica and to be granted further leave of absence till he can be appointed to another office.
3 *large folio pages.*

N. D.—Considerations on the State of the Smuggling trade in the Island of Jamaica, and regulations proposed to Stop it.
6½ *pages.*

N. D.—Considerations on the Free Port Act in Jamaica.
5½ *pages.*

N. D.—Memorandum relative to the Free Port Act of Jamaica.
3⅔ *pages.*

N. D.—Further Considerations relative to the free ports in the Island.
2⅔ *large folio pages.*

N. D.—Memorandum. "Mr Radcliffe, Mr Tipping and Mr Hilton of Manchester, Mr Turner an Agent at Mr Beans Essex Street."
⅓ *quarto page.*

ST. CHRISTOPHER.

SIR RALPH PAYNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, June 14. St. Christopher's.—Sends by the "General Payne" a turtle, wine and snuff for his Lordship. Lady Payne sends Lady Dartmouth a box of sweetmeats and pickles of the country. Forwards a case of views of the different islands, also a turtle for the King.
Autograph letter signed. 2½ *pages.*

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SIR RALPH PAYNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, August 30. St. Christopher.—Called at Nevis for the purpose of making Mr. Robinson "perfectly easy, with Respect to all Points of Militia Duty," but found he had previously embarked for the continent of America. Mr. Robinson on his return to these Islands, will encounter no trouble, "on Occasion of any Service in the Militia."
Duplicate autograph letter signed. 1½ *pages.*

1774, October 10. St. Christopher.—The same to the same. Private. Reasons for desiring leave of absence.
Autograph letter signed. 4 *pages.*

Duplicate original of the foregoing. 3½ *pp.*

The DUCHESS OF ANCASTER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

[1774–5.] Thursday.—Sends the enclosed.
Original note in the third person. ½ *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

N. D.—Richard Hawkshaw Losack, Lieutenant General of all His Majesty's Leeward Charibbee Islands. Petition to the Queen. States that he was given his present appointment by Earl Shelburne in 1767; the duties he undertook; that he is and has been without any salary or emolument belonging to his post as Lieutenant General. Hears that he may be required to go to the Leeward Islands immediately, to take the place of Sir Ralph Payne who is soon expected in England. Prays for a salary to be annexed to his post.
Signed. 2¾ *pages.*

[1774–5.]—Paper endorsed, "Mem concern^g M^r Gorham and M^r Losack."
1 *quarto page and* 3 *lines.*

JAMES DOUGLAS to [LORD DARTMOUTH].

1775, July 11. Hook near Titchfield, Hants.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—L^t Col. Douglas July 1775, soliciting to succeed S^r Ralph Payne, in case of his vacating his Gov^t.

The REVEREND M. MADAN to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, September 26. Woodcote End.
Letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Rev^d M^r Madan Sept^r 75. M^r Robinson's letter.

Enclosure:—

JOHN ROBINSON to the REVEREND MR. MADAN.

1775, *September 25. N^o 9 Adelphi.—Hearing that M^r Gamon, the Collector of Basseterre, has resigned and returned to England, he asks M^r Madan if it is true, and begs him to use his influence with Lord Dartmouth to obtain the post for him.*
Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

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SIR RALPH PAYNE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, October 31. Charles Street, St. James's.—Sends an address which he had previously mentioned, "with Mr Rawlins's remarkable Animadversion upon it."

Autograph letter signed. 1¼ *quarto pages.*

Enclosure:—

1775, *June* 9.—*Newspaper cutting. A letter from Stedman Rawlins to Mr Tyson.* "*Sir, In the address delivered to the General on board the Deal Castle last Friday, I find that the authors and penners have wantonly taken liberties with the characters of several Gentlemen in this Island.*" *Declares the authors and* "*penners of such address, a set of medling Rascals.*"

14 *lines.*

WILLIAM PAYNE GEORGES to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1775, October 31 (*sic*). Welbeck Street.—Two years previously he was appointed by the constituent branches of the legislature of St. Christopher, their agent in London, at a salary of two hundred pounds yearly. Understands this Act has been lying before the Council without any report. His suffering in consequence. Prays his Lordship to intercede in his behalf.

Autograph letter signed. 1⅔ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—W. P. Georges Esqr. 31 Octr 1775.

ST. CROIX.

N. D.—The Case of a considerable Number of British and American Merchants, and of the British Inhabitants and Proprietors of the Island of Santa Cruz, addressed to the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament assembled.

Printed. 2½ *folio pages.*

STEPHEN SAYRE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

N. D.—Giving a detailed account of the produce and trade of the Island.

Autograph letter signed. 2¾ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Island of St. Croix.

SANTO DOMINGO.

SIR STANIER PORTEN to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, Friday, December 30. St. James's.—Encloses papers relating to the "Hawk," an English sloop arrested for illegal trading in the Spanish Island of Stº Domingo.

Autograph letter in the third person. ¾ *quarto page.*

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Enclosures:—

1772, *September* 3. *St. Ildephonso.—Extract of a letter from Lord Grantham to the Earl of Rochford. No.* 36. *Sending a precis of the evidence.*

½ *page.*

1772, *August* 30. *St. Ildefonso.—Copy of a translated letter from the Marquis de Grimaldi to Lord Grantham. Account of what happened on the Island of St^o Domingo to the "Hawke" sloop, Daniel Frisby, Captain.*

1¾ *pages.*

1772, *March* 26. *St. Domingo.—Translated copy of a letter from Don Joseph Solano to Don Julian de Arriaga, No.* 34, *containing information on the same incidents.*

3¾ *pages.*

Translation of the proceedings at St^o Domingo. On Saona Island under the Government of Sto Domingo, several English were discovered with huts under pretence of carrying on turtle fishery, and their trade having several armed vessels, carrying it to such an excess that they came in with them as if they had been in British Dominions, orders were given by the Governor to Captain Don Lorenzo Daniel to go to Saona, take up as many as he should find in huts there, and not to suffer any Captain or men of the crews to escape. The English vessel in question was seen coming from the Island, and as when fired upon she held out no colours, she was secured and taken from La Cathalina to St^o Domingo. She was afterwards released, being condemned to pay costs.

6 *pages.*

1773, *January* 21. *Madrid.—Extract of a letter from Lord Grantham to the Earl of Rochford. Fears he cannot obtain satisfaction for the owners of the "Hawke" as the report made by the Governor of St^o Domingo differs widely from that of M^r Sullivan, who went from New York to that island to obtain redress, and it appears the steps taken against the vessel were quite legal.*

1 *page.*

ST. VINCENT.

GOVERNOR WILLIAM L. LEYBORNE to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1772, July 30. St. Vincent.—No. 26. Arrived at the island 28 July. Incursions of the Charibbs to St. Lucia and Martinico more frequent and in greater numbers; they appear determined not to submit to the King's government. Arrival of six companies of the 68th Regiment, want of accommodation for them. Has appointed Captain George Chamberlaine of the 70th Regiment Quarter Master General.

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GOVERNOR WILLIAM L. LEYBORNE to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

1772, September 12. St. Vincent.—No. 30. Arrival of the 14th Regiment under Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple from Boston. Has issued a proclamation to the Charibbs setting forth the King's offers to them in case they will peaceably submit. Disposition of the inhabitants towards them. Cannot depend on any information he receives from the windward, but has good reason to believe the Charibbs meet with no encouragement from the Governor of Martinico.

Duplicate letter signed. 2½ *pages.*

JOHN POWNALL to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1772, September 21. Whitehall.—Sees plainly by Governor Leyborne's letter that the expedition against the Charibbs will be an expensive and tedious business. Some representation ought to be made to the French Court with regard to the assistance they receive from the Island of St. Lucia. Formal declaration of the Duke of York's marriage. Fall in India stocks.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

JOHN POWNALL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, September 23. Whitehall.—Understands the 6th Regiment of foot is to embark at Plymouth to relieve the 32d at St. Vincent; suggests that the 32d should be retained after the arrival of the 6th on account of the unsettled state of the country with the Charibbs.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

JOHN POWNALL to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, Friday evening September 25.—"I now send your Lordship for your signing every Letter that appears to me to be necessary upon the business now on our Table." Sir R. Payne is ordered to send some field pieces from Antigua to St. Vincent. Death of Mr. Sharpe member for Callington.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

LORD DARTMOUTH to LORD VISCOUNT BARRINGTON.

1772, September 27. Whitehall.—Concerning tents for the 6th regiment ordered to embark at Plymouth for the relief of the 32d doing duty in the ceded islands.

Copy. ¾ *page.*

The EARL OF ROCHFORD to the LORDS of the ADMIRALTY.

1772, October 1. Whitehall.—On account of the state of affairs in Grenada Governor Leyborne is to return from St. Vincent; command of the expedition against the Charibs is to be given to Major General Dalrymple. Their Lordships to acquaint Vice Admiral Parry of these matters.

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The Earl of Rochford to Major General Dalrymple.

1772, October 1. Whitehall.—Acquainting him that he has been raised to the rank and pay of Major General, and that he is to take command of the troops in the expedition against the Charibbs. If he thinks necessary he is to detain the 32nd Regiment for his use. Not to miss any opportunity in sending Lord Dartmouth the fullest particulars of his proceedings.

Copy. 2 *pages.*

The Earl of Suffolk to the Lords of the Admiralty.

1772, October 2. Whitehall.—If the stores and camp necessaries ordered for the 6th Regiment of foot under orders for St. Vincent cannot be received on the ships with the troops, their Lordships are to charter another vessel for the conveyance of them.

Copy. 1½ *pages.*

The Earl of Suffolk to Lord Viscount Barrington.

1772, October 2. Whitehall.—The 6th Regiment of foot to embark as soon as the transports are ready to receive it.

Copy. ½ *page.*

Duplicate of the foregoing.

Governor William L. Leyborne to the Earl of Hillsborough.

1772, October 9. St. Vincent.—No. 34. In consequence of his Proclamation the Charibs held several Consultations, and sent to him promising to behave well if they were left in possession of their lands. As this could not be done the troops were sent into their country; in the several attacks three English and eight Charibs have been killed. Is glad to see the safe arrival of Major Mackenzie and the 31st Regiment. Fears the reduction of the Charibs will be a work of time, "for they Possess a country very inaccessible, and seem to have a knowledge how to avail themselves of this Advantage." With the Council's advice he has formed a company of "Voluntiers," out of the militia. Has ordered a supply of rum for the use of the troops. Asks his Lordship to obtain the baggage and tonnage money applied for by the Officers, as the service upon which the troops are engaged is a very severe one. Orders given by Admiral Parry to the Commanding Officers here to assist with marines and sailors should they be wanted.

Duplicate letter signed. 4½ *pages.*

Enclosure:—

Governor William L. Leyborne to Lord Viscount Barrington, Secretary at War.

1772, *October* 9. *St. Vincent.—Sends his Lordship a state of the troops on duty in the island together with a general and field return, and a return of arms, accoutrements and clothing of His Majesty's* 14*th Regiment.*

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GRANVILLE SHARP to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, October 10. Old Jewry.—Hears from a friend just returned from the ceded Islands that a body of His Majesty's troops is to be sent to St. Vincent to act against the Caribbees. Informs Lord Dartmouth that the climate will be disastrous to the British, and that there will be great difficulties in pursuing the Indians in the mountains and woods. Discusses the justice of the campaign.

Autograph letter signed. With seal. 4 *quarto pages.*

GRANVILLE SHARP to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, Friday, November 27. Old Jewry.—"My Lord, Having accidentally seen a Letter addressed to your Lordship in the *Publick Advertiser of Wednesday last*, on the same subject as my private letter of the 10th ult° I beg leave to assure your Lordship, that I am no way concerned in that publication, nor have the least knowledge of the Author." Shews further the injustice of the campaign against the Caribbs.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

LORD VISCOUNT BARRINGTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, December 8. War Office.—Respecting the Botanic Garden at St. Vincent.

Copy. 1½ *pages.*

MINUTE OF CABINET.

1772, December 8.—"Lord D. read to the meeting two letters from Gov^r Leyborne concerning the progress he had made in the execution of the expedition against the Charibbs." Lord Dartmouth to instruct Colonel Dalrymple not to proceed to extremities, "if the state of the service shall admit of any treaty."

In Lord Dartmouth's hand. 2¼ *quarto pages.*

LORD DARTMOUTH to MAJOR GENERAL DALRYMPLE.

1772, December 9. Whitehall.—"It has been very satisfactory to His Majesty upon this occasion to find that Gov^r Leyborne has with great Prudence & Propriety, taken every Step that would give Facility to such Operations as may, under these Circumstances, become necessary." Hopes further bloodshed may be avoided, and that hostilities will have ceased before this letter reaches its destination.

Copy. 3 *pages.*

VALENTINE MORRIS to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1772, December 24.—Thanks for his appointment of Lieutenant Governor.

Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM DALRYMPLE to LORD VISCOUNT BARRINGTON.

1772, December 26. St. Vincents.—Sends an account of the progress of the expedition against the Charibbs. Fears if they are driven from

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the coast to the mountains the nature of the war will be changed and spun out to a great length. Is obliged to detain the 50th Regiment from Jamaica on account of losses by the war and climate. "To conclude, there is great reason to believe that the Reduction of the Savages will be a work of Time, & attended with great Expence."

Copy. 1½ *pages.*

GOVERNOR WILLIAM L. LEYBORNE to the EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH.

[? 1772].—Left everything perfectly quiet at St. Vincent, and every arrangement made in case the Charibs should take any hostile steps. The heavy rains have prevented a full House from assembling. "There appears no longer any Opposition to Government but what arises from M^r^ Burke's Friends." . . . "The Act respecting the Maroon Slaves has been attended with every Salutary Effect." States why Mr. Townshend was suspended from the Council.

Copy. 3 *pages.*

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM DALRYMPLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, February 22. St. Vincent.—Announcing the total reduction of the Charibbs. Entreats his Lordship to lay before His Majesty the activity, bravery and patience of the troops employed on this service. The enemy's loss was great, nearly all their chiefs being either killed or wounded.

Copy. 1¾ *pages.*

Endorsed:—N° 5 Copy of a Letter from Major General Dalrymple to the Earl of Dartmouth. Dated St. Vincent 22^d^ February 1773.

Killed & wounded ab^t^ 150.
Dyed of desease ab^t^ 110.
Sick ab^t^ 400.

DAINES BARRINGTON, MARMADUKE TUNSTALL and WILLIAM HUDSON (Committee of the Royal Society) to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, March 1. Crane Court.

Letter signed. Barrington's autograph. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—Com^ttee^ of Roy^l^ Society 1 March 1773. Relative to the procuring the indigenous Insects & Plants of the Island of St. Vincent.

Enclosure:—

Note of information wanted. "*It is desired that the Trunks of the largest Trees, of different sorts, in the Indigenous Woods of St. Vincent's be measured, & also their height ascertained,*" *&c.*

Original. 1 *quarto page.*

Apparently accompanying this is a printed sheet headed:— "*Short Directions For Collecting, preserving, and transporting Specimens of Natural Productions.*"

4 *quarto pages.*

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ADAM WOOD to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, April 6. Great Titchfield Street.—Quotes from a letter of Major Mackenzie of the 31st Regiment dated Grand Sable St. Vincent 14th January, "I am still working the way to accomplish a Junction with General Dalrymple's Army." On the 12th instant Colonel Walsh was kidnapped by the Charibs and barbarously murdered.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

ADAM WOOD to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, Tuesday, April 6. Great Titchfield Street.—Nine of the Charib Chiefs have met General Dalrymple and have surrendered on behalf of themselves and all the Charibs in the Island.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

COLONEL WILLIAM DALRYMPLE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, April 21. London.—Has received letters from the island confirming suspicions "of a very dangerous disposition in the Planters towards the Charibs. . . . Such folly and wickedness must produce the worst effects, and I doubt not something very cruel & improper will be done by the people of St. Vincents."
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

DR. M. MATY (Secretary to the Royal Society) to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, April 21. London.—With the thanks of the Royal Society for his obliging answer to their application with regard to the island, for his promise of recommendation, and for the King's assurance that directions would be given to the different governors to aid the Society's plan of making a collection of the natural productions of the American colonies.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*

COLONEL WILLIAM DALRYMPLE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, June 5. London.—Sends the enclosed.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Enclosure:—

1773, *February 27. St. Vincents.—Copy of his letter to Lieutenant Colonel Cane, 32d Regiment, or the Officer for the time being Commanding His Majesty's troops at St. Vincents. That as peace is concluded with the Charibs he is returning to Europe. The Lieut.-Col. is to direct such additions to be made to the usual expenses as he shall think necessary. Governor Leyborne will communicate with him.*
1½ *quarto pages.*

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G. Hillock to Lord [Dartmouth].

1778, August 21. Saint Vincent.—Has sold his Commission in the 32d Regiment to pay his debts, and has nothing to live upon; asks his Lordship to assist him to some employment.
Autograph letter signed. 4¼ *quarto pages.*

Lieutenant Governor Valentine Morris to Lord Dartmouth.

1774, December 6. St. Vincents.—The new post established at Bayabou for the troops has proved advantageous in everyway. Is happy to acquaint his Lordship that the Legislature of the Island has adopted most of the ideas recommended by him for the act to prevent the further augmentation of the runaway negroes.
Autograph letter signed. 3⅓ *quarto pages.*

Duplicate of the foregoing.

Lieutenant Governor Valentine Morris to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, January 20. Saint Vincent.—Forwards a letter addressed to Lord North but, doubting the propriety of such an act, leaves it unsealed to be sent or suppressed as Lord Dartmouth pleases. An application has been received from a French gentleman of Martinico, Le Chevalier de St. Maurice Givran, to be naturalized.
Copy, signed. 1 *page.*

Lieutenant Governor Valentine Morris to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, April 16. St. Vincents.
Autograph letter signed. 4 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—Lt Govr Morris. April 1775, soliciting to succeed Govr Leyborne.

Lieutenant Governor Valentine Morris to Lord Dartmouth.

1775, April 21. St. Vincents.—Writes "just to say, that fresh information leaves me not the least reason to doubt of Bigô the Charib chief's profound dissimulation, & insincerity, & of his real unfriendly inclinations towards his Majesty's Government." Thinks a Charib war should not be risked if it can be avoided and his conduct will be dictated by his idea of the fitness of a general pacific, yet resolute and firm system. The letter continues with details of the capture of negroes.
Autograph letter signed. 6 *quarto pages.*

Henry Wilmot to Lord [Dartmouth].

1775, June 13. Bloomsbury Square.
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*
Endorsed:—Mr Wilmot, 1775, inclos. lettr from Val Morris Esqr.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR VALENTINE MORRIS to HENRY WILMOT.

1775, *April* 16.—*Per the "Thomas & Sally" Captain Isaac Smith. Notifying the death of Governor Leyborne at 7 o'clock that morning; asks him to make application to Lord Dartmouth for him (Morris) to succeed to the Government.*
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR VALENTINE MORRIS to the LORDS of the TREASURY.

1775, June 20. Saint Vincent.—Petition. Points out the expenses of living there, that although his salary is £600 a year, he is a great loser. Prays to have some small "Spots of Land" in the island granted to him.
Signed. 1¾ *large folio pages.*

ABOAN FITZMAURICE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, January 29. No. 4 Common Side King's bench.—Sets forth his claim, as next of kin, to the property of his brother the late Ulysses Fitzmaurice, the right being transferred by an act passed in the last Session; his arrest and imprisonment in consequence of having borrowed on the credit of his claims; asks for assistance by the agency of the Legislature either in an act of insolvency, or a repeal of the power vested in the trustees.
Autograph letter signed. 1¾ *pages.*

GOVERNOR VALENTINE MORRIS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1776, June 10.—Thanks him for using his influence on his behalf. Expresses his regret at his Lordship giving up office to Lord Germain. That he will continue to keep him informed of the affairs of his government.
Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

GOVERNOR VALENTINE MORRIS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, October 20. Government House, St. Vincent.—Vindicating his conduct. Asks his Lordship to continue his protection to a man who "finds himself misrepresented, and forged Official Attestation made use of against him to stamp authority to false facts."
Duplicate letter signed. 2 *large folio pages.*

Enclosure :—

1777, *Saturday October* 11. *Kingstown.—Saint Vincent. Minutes of Council, with W. Taylor's Certificate that they are a true copy. Sworn before Valentine Morris* 16 *October* 1777. *Certified by Valentine Morris. Shewing the unjustifiable and irregular conduct of Mr Crooke, on which Governor Morris*

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was obliged to suspend him; also the conduct of the great demagogue Mr Campbell, the head of the Opposition Party.
Certified second copy. 2⅔ large folio pages.

GOVERNOR VALENTINE MORRIS to LORD DARTMOUTH, Lord Privy Seal.

1777, October 23. Saint Vincent.—Concerning the confirmation of the appointment of Mr Malloun to be Judge of the Admiralty.
Letter signed. ⅔ large folio page.

Enclosure:—

1777, *October* 23. *St. Vincent.—Copy of his letter to the Lords of the Treasury. Remarks on his appointment of Robert Malloun, to be Judge of the Admiralty of St. Vincent, on its being made a separate Government from Grenada.*
Quadruplicate, signed. 2¼ large folio pages.

GOVERNOR VALENTINE MORRIS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, November 18. Saint Vincent.—Explaining the cause of his quarrels with the Colony. Sends home papers bearing upon the subject, which he hopes his Lordship will carefully study, and judge him leniently.
Letter signed. 1¾ large folio pages.

Enclosure:—

Particulars of instructions, thought absolutely requisite and requested to be sent out to Governor Morris.
1⅔ large pages.

Duplicate of the foregoing letter and enclosure.

GOVERNOR VALENTINE MORRIS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, November 20. Saint Vincent.—Vindicating his conduct with regard to the complaints made by this Island to the Lords of the Treasury of the Governor making improper grants of land to improper persons.
Letter signed. 3 large folio pages.

GOVERNOR VALENTINE MORRIS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1777, December 4. Saint Vincent.—Sends to his brother Wilmot papers referring to his dispute with the Assembly, to vindicate his conduct and show the injustice done him.
Letter signed. Autograph Postscript. 3 large folio pages.

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Enclosure:—

Duplicate of his letter of 20 November to Lord Dartmouth.

With this is the following, probably transmitted by the brother referred to:—

1777, *November* 20. *St. Vincent.—The same to Lord George Germain. Same subject.*
Copy. 4 large folio pages.

GOVERNOR VALENTINE MORRIS to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, March 31. St. Vincent.—Thanks him for the trouble he has taken respecting the complaints made of his conduct to the Boards of Trade and Treasury. Suggests fresh methods of granting lands in the island.
Autograph letter signed. 9 quarto pages.

GOVERNOR VALENTINE MORRIS to the LORDS of the TREASURY.

N. D.—Petition. Was appointed Governor 11th March 1776. That their Lordships agreed to pay him a salary of £1200 a year out of the revenue of 4½ °/₀ arising in the Island. If the Assembly refuse the grant he will be much inconvenienced. Prays that his salary may be granted from some other source.
1⅔ *pages.*

TOBAGO.

1774, April 7. Tobago.—Address and Petition to The King from the Council and Assembly, Thomas Fairholme, Speaker, Charles Ashwell, D. Secretary. The number of slaves being greatly in excess of the white people they are in danger of an insurrection which they have no means to quell. Pray that the Island may be put into an immediate state of defence, that the number of troops may be increased, and that they may be supplied with the means of making public roads, buildings and churches.
Copy. 5⅔ *folio pages.*
Endorsed:—Copy of Address and Petition of the Council & Assembly of Tobago to The King. R/ 27 Aug. 1774 from Gov^r Leyborne/. Ex.

VIRGIN ISLANDS. TORTOLA.

RICHARD BROWNE to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, December 2. Tortola.—Asks that he may be appointed Lieutenant Governor in the room of Lieutenant Governor Alexander Home deceased.
Autograph letter signed. 2 quarto pages.

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WILLIAM PAYNE GEORGES to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1774, April 18. Welbeck Street.—Expresses a few "loose Thoughts which have occurred to him upon the Subject of the Tortola Negotiation with the Court of Spain."

Autograph letter signed. 2½ *large folio pages.*

WEST INDIES. GENERAL.

1764.—Essay on the Translation of Plants from the East to the West Indies. By Dr. Walker.

Manuscript. 46 *pages.*

JOSEPH SMITH SPEER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1765, November 6. Gerrard Street, Soho.—On his arrival in England he met his creditors who immediately put him in prison. Attributes his misfortune to being obliged to spend his money in doing the duty he was ordered on to the Spaniards, and which he has not charged in his accounts. He has served in the West Indies and on the "Musketoe" Shore for twenty-one years. Hopes when his Lordship settles the affairs of the "Musketoe" Shore, he will provide for him in such a manner as he considers his services to his King and Country may deserve.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *large folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Lieut. Speer 5th Novr 1765. Stating his Distresses & praying Relief.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH SMITH SPEER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

[1765].—Memorial. Has served both in the army and navy for upwards of twenty-nine years without intermission. Petitions for such relief and promotion as His Majesty shall think proper. Copies of certificates are annexed proving his services.

6½ *pages.*

[1765], Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, November 26 to 29.—Minutes, probably of the Board of Trade, beginning "Read Letter from Governor Melville inclosing address of the Inhabitants of Grenada praying an Assembly."

1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Board Minutes Novr 26 & 28, 29. Grenada, Quebec, Gordon.

[1765], Thursday, December 5 and 6.—Minutes beginning "Read draft of Repret on Governor Shirley's Letters, and Mr Symmer's memorial concerning settlement and Fortification of Bahama Islands."

2½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Minutes Decr 5 & 6 Symmer, Grenada, Senegamb., Sr W. Codrington, N. Jersey, Bermuda, Barbados.

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FRANCIS GILDART, Town Clerk, to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1766, July 6. Liverpool.—That the Corporation of Liverpool has granted Lord Dartmouth the freedom of the town, for the part he has taken in obtaining an Act of Parliament for establishing free ports in the West Indies.
Autograph letter signed. With seal. 1 *quarto page.*

A draft of Lord Dartmouth's reply follows, acknowledging the honour.

EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH to the EARL OF SHELBURNE.

1768, June 15. Whitehall.—The 62d Regiment detained in the ceded Islands is to return to Cork.
Copy. ¾ *page.*

1772, July 14. 4½ per Cent. Office.—An Account of the Nett Produce of the four and a half per cent Duty for Five Years last past distinguishing each Year and each Island. Signed John Barnes Husband.
1 *double page.*

LORD BARRINGTON to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1772, September 23. War Office.—Exchange of Regiments in the West Indies, America, and at home.
Letter signed. 1 *page.*
Endorsed:—L[d] Barrington Relief for this year. Military.

[1772, after September].—Paper endorsed:—Mem[m] Cabinet.
1½ *folio pages.*

The EARL OF ROCHFORD to SIR RALPH PAYNE.

1772, October 1. Whitehall.—Relief of troops in the West Indies.
Copy. 1 *page.*

LORD CLARE to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1772, November 12. Bath.
Autograph letter signed. 2 *quarto pages.*
Endorsed:—A 47. Lord Viscount Clare, Bath, Nov[r] 12[th] 1772, with a Letter from M[r] Dunning, recommending M[r] Iles, v. Cor. p. 8, —7. Ent[d].

Enclosure:—

JOHN DUNNING to LORD [CLARE].

1772, *November* 9. *Putney Park.—On behalf of M[r] Iles who wishes to be Attorney General of the Leeward Isles.*
Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

1778, March 11.—[Minutes of Cabinet].
1 *small quarto page.*

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JOSEPH SMITH SPEER to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1773, June 30. Bridge Street, Westminister.—Has completed the large chart of the West Indies for the Public Offices, also a smaller one for navigation purposes, begs an audience to submit the whole to His Majesty's inspection.

Letter signed. 1¾ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—C—15. Cap. Speer, June 30, 1773, on American Surveys.

HECTOR MUNRO to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1778, July 28. Novar.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—A—22. H. Munro Esq[r] 30 July 1773, in behalf of M[r] James Bailly, to be Comm[r] for Sale of Lands in Ceded Islands.

LORD LIFFORD to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1773, October 21. Dublin.—Praying an appointment in the West Indies or America for his brother Mr. Hewitt who is one of the Commissioners for the Sale of Lands in the Ceded Islands.

Autograph letter signed. 3 *quarto pages.*

WILLIAM MACINTOSH to LORD [DARTMOUTH].

1774, May 4. Red Lyon Square.—Has lately returned from Holland where he had an opportunity of obtaining much information concerning the British, Dutch and Portuguese trade on the coast of Africa. As he understands matters concerning this trade are likely to be agitated in Parliament, he offers his Lordship such information as he is possessed of. Having resided a long time in the ceded islands, he can give his Lordship information concerning them if he will grant him an audience.

Autograph letter signed. 1½ *quarto pages.*

Endorsed:—M[r] Mackintosh 4 May 1774 respecting an audience upon the West India Concerns.

1768, September 16 to 1774, May 20.—Captain Speer's Expenses for "Drawing, Engraving, Printing & Publishing a General Chart of the West Indies."

Signed. 1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Cap[t] Speers Acc[t] which he desired might be deliver'd your Lordship.

1774, September 7.—Card on which is written—"M[r] Long, Sir James Cockburn, M[r] Maitland and M[r] Hankey wait on Lord Dartmouth, from the West India Merchants, with the Extracts of the Minutes of their yesterday's Meeting, and entreat his Lordship's immediate Attention to their Request." The Minutes accompany this card. The merchants represent that it would be a dangerous precedent for the other colonies, to confirm an "Act passed the 6[th] June last, in the Island of Grenada, entitled An Act to explain and amend an Act

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entitled An Act for re-establishing Courts of Common Pleas, Error, King's Bench and Grand-Sessions, and for the compelling the Specific Performance of Money-Contracts and an equitable Performance of other Contracts and for the better regulating and settling due Methods for the Administration of Justice, and limiting a Time for executing Executions out of the Court of Chancery and other Courts in this Island, and more effectual Support of Credit."

1½ *folio pages.*

Endorsed:—Minute of a meeting of West India Merchants 6 Sep^{r} 1774.

LORD GEORGE GERMAIN to the LORDS of the ADMIRALTY.

1778, November 21. Whitehall.—Their Lordships to give orders for transports to be provided to carry 400 recruits and 16 Commissioned Officers to the West Indies.

Draft. ¾ *page.*

LORD GEORGE GERMAIN to LORD TOWNSEND, Master General of the Ordnance.

1778, December 7. Whitehall.—His Lordship to order travelling carriages with limbers, ammunition-boxes and elevating screws, guns, mortars, ropes etc. to be got ready for the West Indies.

Draft. 1½ *pages.*

LORD GEORGE GERMAIN to the LORDS of the ADMIRALTY.

1778, December 8.—Their Lordships to order transports to convey 90 recruits to the West Indies in addition to the 400 already destined for that station.

Copy. ¾ *page.*

BRY: BROUGHTON to LORD [ ].

1779, September 10.—Arrival of Admiral Barrington in town, who gives a different account of the West Indian engagement from that which has been understood. "We have had rather the best of it." On Adm^{l} Byron's approach the whole French fleet, amounting to 26 sail of the line, came out of S^{t} George's Harbour, Grenada. Byron immediately gave the order for chase and for close action. Barrington, who led the van, came up with the fastest sailing ships and began the engagement with seven. He drove the "Languedoc" out of the line twice and cleared her decks, as did the "Boyne" by the next largest French ship; on this the French, having the advantage of the little wind there was, edged away. Rowley who was left with three ships to take care of the transports was ordered to intercept them and in attempting it received the fire of the whole French line. They however got away, Byron not being able to get up so as to bring on a general engagement. "Our loss is 180 killed & 146 wounded.—The French is said to be much greater, 3 Captains, 18 Lieutenants & upwards of 2000 men being said to be killed & wounded. Our fleet is gone to Antigua to refit & the French to Martinico. Barrington gives great praise to Byron."

Autograph letter signed. 3¾ *quarto pages.*

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HENRY BOTHAM to LORD DARTMOUTH.

1788, March 21. No. 66 Bond Street.—Sends his Lordship a paper of remarks which will prove that the sugar estates can be worked cheaper by freemen than by slaves.

Autograph letter signed. 1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—Henry Botham Esq^r^ March 1788 concern^s^ the employm^t^ of Slaves West Indies.

Enclosure:—

1788, *March* 17. *London.—Remarks. As he has been for two years in the English and French West Indies and since conducted sugar estates in the East Indies, he thinks he may be able to give some useful information concerning the employment of slaves and freemen on the same, before the abolition of the slave trade is agitated in Parliament. Describes the working of a large sugar estate carried on near Batavia on which freemen only are employed, and points out where the advantges accrue from employing the same instead of slaves.*

Signed. 3½ *pages.*

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PART III.

CANADA, LABRADOR, NEWFOUNDLAND, NOVA SCOTIA, ISLAND OF SAINT JOHN.

The calendar of this portion of Lord Dartmouth's manuscripts, being pages 545 to 606, is supplied by Mr. Douglas Brymner, LL.D., F.R.S.C., archivist at Ottawa, Canada.

LETTERS AND PAPERS RELATING TO CANADA.

1757, April 4. Montreal.—Montcalm to Berryer, Minister of Marine. (A translation.) By a few contraband articles properly disposed of, the English dispatches are brought to him regularly, some of which open to him the greatest secrets of the English state. His (Montcalm's) correspondent appears to have been a Mr. J——, who says that the reason they (the French ?) know so little is, that their Governors are French nobility who are enemies to trade. Referring to the disposition of the Colonists (in New England), Mr. J—— says: "Take my word you may manage 'em; they entirely act according to their own interests." . . . . . Montcalm continues: "I can venture to assure you from knowledge and will show it you in another letter, that England will be the first victim of her Colonies." He then advises that as the Colonies have all sorts of manufactures the French should not interfere with them; "leave therefore Canada to be despoiled by them; give them every assistance in their manufactures to make a general commerce over all the English Colonies. If Canada was to be ceded, it would not be an irreparable Loss. As I suppose the Court would not give up the Fishery, the Source of Riches, therefore it would be necessary to have Louisbourg or some neighbouring Isle for that purpose, and to bring our merchandizes too for the English; and this little Port (or Post) would be as favourable to us, as Canada would be unfavourable to the English." (A note says: "This advice of Montcalm's made the French at the Peace insist on the Isles of St. Pierre and Miquelon.")

1758, October 1. Montreal.—Montcalm to Berryer. (A translation.) Bougainville is carrying the account of the defeat of Abercromby. His time is given up to fighting in summer and thinking in winter. "With a little policy I am satisfied the Governors of Canada would be able to carry to old England more rude Blows in the Bosom of Peace than we can do in War time. These Colonies are so little cemented to the Mother Country, that if I thought it expedient for our interest, I could get one Part of them now to sign a Neutrality; but this is not a proper time to distinguish them by so public a mark of Disaffection." The letter continues that the Colonies have always objected to fortifications, on the ground that there was nothing to fear from Europe, but in reality because they knew that forts and garrisons were the surest means to keep them in subjection. He is clear that the erection of a fort or anything that interfered with them would lead to sedition. They do not object to back settlement forts as they protect from Indians, are garrisoned by themselves and supported by convoys which could be cut off. "The several advices I receive daily assure me, England will one

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day lose her Colonies. As to the English Colonies one essential point should be known: it is, that they are never taxed—they keep that to themselves. An enormous fault this in the Policy of the Mother Country. She should have taxed them from the Foundation. I have certain Advice, that all the Colonies would take Fire at being taxed now."

1759, August 24. Quebec.—Montcalm to de Molé, first president of the Parliament of Paris. (A translation). Is here (Quebec) after standing a three months' bombardment from Wolfe, who can never succeed, so long as he attacks from the other bank. The campaign cannot last a month, on account of the terrible autumn winds, which are totally against the Fleet. Quebec must be taken by a *coup de main*. "The English have nothing to do but make a Descent on the Bank where this City is situated without Fortifications or Defence. Mr. Wolfe (if he understands his business) has nothing to do but bear the first Fire—advance fast upon my Army—stop at his Discharge—my Canadians without Discipline, at the sound of the Drum &c., will get into Disorder and fly—such is my deplorable situation." He believes he will not survive the loss of the Colony, the only thing that remains is to die with honour. "But in this I console myself, that the loss of this Colony, this Defeat will one day be of more Service to my Country than a Victory; And that the Conqueror in aggrandizing himself will find a Tomb even in that. The English must breathe the Air of Freedom, and these Americans more so; And the Children of these are not degenerated from the Republican Principles of their Parents. Their maxim is to obey as little as possible and when their Interests are touched they will revolt. Can England send one or two hundred thousand Men to oppose them at this distance?" The Northern parts and sea might be kept in obedience by the shipping, but who would conquer the interior parts? "Besides, on a general Revolt, the Enemies to England in Europe will aid the Revolters." If the English conquer they will have the conquered become English, forgetting differences of race, &c. Is clear that his ideas will be accomplished in less than ten years after the Conquest of Canada, but shall, as ordered act for its preservation.

These three letters occupy 6¼ *quarto pages.*

1763, November 3.—Extract from instructions to Murray, Lieut. Governor of Quebec, to transmit to the Lords of Trade a report of all occurrences and to one of the principal Secretaries of State such occurrences as are to be communicated directly to the King.

½ *quarto page.*

1764, March 6. Quebec.—Commission by Murray to Jean Baptiste De Bergere Rigauville Vere Major and Commandant of the Provincial battalion to be raised for the campaign against the Indian Nations (the Pontiac war).

1 *foolscap page.*

1764, September 17. Quebec.—"An ordinance for regulating and establishing the Courts of Judicature, Justices of the Peace, Quarter Sessions, Bailiffs and other matters relative to the Distribution of Justice in this Province."

10½ *foolscap pages.*

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1764, September 20. Quebec.—Ordinance for ratifying and confirming the decrees of the several courts of justice, established prior to establishment of Civil Government throughout this Province, upon the 10th day of August, 1764.
5 *foolscap pages.*

1764, October 16. Quebec.—Presentment of the Grand Jury of Quebec, containing a representation against the admission as jurors of Roman Catholics.
8 *foolscap pages.*

A paper (undated) explaining the motive of the representation to be made to prevent cases between two Protestants from being tried before Roman Catholic jurors, but that it was never meant to remove any Roman Catholic from holding any office or filling any public employment.
1½ *quarto pages.*

Demand (in French) of the French jurors, dated 26th October, for a translation of the two deliberations of the Grand Jury on 16th October and pointing out which part of the presentment they had signed. A reference to the presentment shows that they signed the part before the article respecting French jurors to which they object.
9½ *foolscap pages.*

1764.—Instructions to Murray, that the miscontruction of the proclamation of 7th October, 1763, be removed and that in making provision for the due and impartial administration of justice that there shall extend to all "subjects in general the protection and benefit of the British laws and constitution in all cases where their Lives and Liberties are concerned" but "shall not operate to take away from the Native Inhabitants the Benefit of their own Laws and Customs in leases where Titles to Land and the modes of Descent, Alienation and Settlement are in Question, nor to preclude them from that share in the Administration of Judicature, which both in Reason and Justice they are intitled to in common with the rest of Our Subjects." The proposed instructions with notes of alterations suggested.
21 *foolscap pages.* [The instructions as finally sent are in the Colonial Office].

Another draught of the instructions contains nineteen and a half pages, each one half of the page, equal to nine and three quarter pages foolscap.

1764.—Paper endorsed: "Draught of an Instruction to the Gov. of Quebec, concers the establishment of Courts of Judicature." Addressed to Murray.
20½ *half pages foolscap.*

Another endorsed: "Extracts from the Commission and Instructions to the Governor of Quebec relative to the Establishments of Courts of Judicature." Murray's name occurs in the body of the document.
8½ *foolscap pages.*

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1765.—Various dates.—A collection of copies of letters unsigned but evidently from Thomas Walker, who was attacked in his own house in Montreal, and partly from a friend of his on the subject of the trial, at which those accused of the outrage were acquitted. The letters are dated 20th February, 8th and 24th April, 30th May, 7th, 22nd, 25th and 27th June, all in 1765. The Governor (Murray) is charged with gross partiality and the military officers with behaving in a most outrageous manner towards the inhabitants. The State papers show that five officers were arrested, John Frazer, St. Luc la Corne, John Campbell, Daniel Disney, Simon Evans and one merchant, Joseph Howard. The bills were laid before the Grand Jury in March, 1767, and, with the exception of that against Disney, thrown out, but Disney was acquitted by the petit jury.

5¾ *foolscap pages.*

1765, February 4. New York.—Gage to Rigauville (in French). His pleasure that the Canadian corps had returned to Montreal before the bad weather. His satisfaction with the services and good conduct of the corps and his thanks to him and his officers for their conduct.

¾ *foolscap page.*

1765, June 10. Lincoln's Inn.—Opinion of Counsel by the Attorney General (Norton) and Solicitor General (de Grey), on the status of Roman Catholics in countries ceded to the Crown in America. "We have taken Mr. Pownall's Letter into our Consideration, and are humbly of Opinion, that His Majesty's Roman Catholick subjects residing in the Countries ceded to His Majesty in America by the Definitive Treaty of Paris, are not subject, in those Colonies, to the Incapacities, disabilities and Penalties, to which Roman Catholicks in this Kingdom are subject by the Laws thereof."

1¼ *foolscap pages.*

Enclosure:—

Enclosed is an opinion of Counsel, dated 18th October 1705, signed by Edward Northey, in respect to the Province of Maryland, that the charter to Lord Baltimore does not give power to do anything contrary to the ecclesiastical laws of England. On the general question whether the Laws of England are in force in the Plantations against Romish priests by the statute of 27 Elizabeth, Counsel states that that extended to all the dominions the Queen had when it was made but it is doubted whether it is extended to dominions acquired after, as the Plantations have been, but the Statute 11 William (III.) to the same effect, "extends to the Plantations, they being Dominions belonging to the Realm of England, and extends to all Priests, foreigners as well as natives." Romish Priests or Jesuits, if aliens, may be turned out of Maryland, if not made denizens or naturalised, but native born subjects cannot, they may be proceeded against by the last mentioned law.

3¾ *foolscap pages.*

Also enclosed, rough jottings for instructions to the Governor of Quebec, apparently in consequence of the opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor General.

3 *half pages quarto and* ½ *foolscap.*

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There is a second copy of the opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor General.

1765, July 20. London.—Roubaud to Dartmouth (in French). Congratulates His Lordship on his appointment of *premier lord dans le bureau des plantations* (President of the Board of Trade). Is a jesuit of the College of Quebec, who has been ill treated. From his familiarity with Montcalm and his residence among the Indians he is thoroughly acquainted with the country, so that he has been employed by Murray to reduce this knowledge to writing and to proceed to London to give the minister full information respecting Canada, especially in regard to the clergy, hoping that the Court as a reward for his fidelity would grant him subsistence were it only from the Jesuit properties, to which it seems he has some right and in this sense Murray had written to Hillsborough, who had given him hopes which had not been realised. He had handed Lord Hillsborough some of his papers, from the notes which he had he could with some trouble prepare a clean statement for presentation to His Lordship (Dartmouth). Asks for an audience and liberty to lay certain papers before him. He had long desired to have an employment in His Lordship's house as French tutor to his son, but although he had used various means he had not been able to secure sufficient influence. Hopes for other employment as he knows all parts of Canada and can give all necessary information and prays for his recommendation to the Governor of Quebec.
3 *quarto pages.*

1765, August 17. London.—D. (Dartmouth) to Roubaud (in French). If he has proposals to make to the Board of Trade in name of the Governor of Quebec, he will be received with all respect. Has not time either for an interview or to examine his papers. When Murray shall have given notice to the Board of the commission with which he has charged him (Roubaud) he would find him (Dartmouth) ready to testify his sentiments.
1 *quarto page.*

1765, August 24. London.—Cramahé to Dartmouth. Murray had sent him to give an account of the state of Quebec so as to assist in the framing of instructions for his guidance. The Canadians have been alarmed, first, on account of their religion, second, with regard to the administration of justice in a language unknown to them, and the sudden introduction of laws of which they have no idea, and of lawyers not knowing a word of their language. Regulations are wanted on the following: Ecclesiastical affairs, administration of justice and revenues. Under the first are described the various classes, the three vicars general, with the powers of bishops, with the exception of ordaining, confirming and consecrating oils; the chapter; the clergy, regulars and seculars, the nuns. The Jesuits having been expelled from France and Portugal, thinks they cannot be surprised if they are removed from Quebec; proposes limitation to the admission of novices to the Recollets and nunneries. The necessity for prudence in selecting a protestant clergy, two at Quebec, two at Montreal, and one at Trois Rivières would be sufficient. The constitution of the courts of justice; all lawyers should understand French. The various classes of revenue described. List of civil offices with salaries of the officers. State of the public buildings. Respecting Indians and the presents that might be given them.
15 *foolscap pages.*

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1765, August 31. Lincoln's Inn.—Fowler Walker to Dartmouth. Sends letter, copies of which had been sent to Lords Bute, Halifax and Hillsborough by the writer (name not given) for the redress of the insupportable grievances of the inhabitants of Quebec. The copy sent to Bute was from the belief that Murray was patronised and protected by him. Seven charges are stated to be contained in the letter against Murray, but they are not given, reference as to their nature being made to the letter, which is not here. Walker states that he has been appointed agent for the complainants, but whether these were new or old subjects does not appear.

3 *quarto pages.*

The letter is endorsed: "With another letter complaining against Gen^l Murray, Gov^r of Quebec."

1765, September 27. Quebec.—Levesque, Lemoine and Porlier, to Henry Guinand, merchant, London (in French). As he has been informed by his correspondents and others who have been recommended to him from Canada, they will not enlarge on the past. They have submitted with pleasure to the new government and have received favours from it they never enjoyed under the French government, but temporal benefits are wanting. France spent annually for military and other political purposes from ten to twelve million livres, which distributed gave a spring to industry, which the country, still poor, required; it was like sowing seed which increased double or treble, and the country gained strength, which without the first germ would have remained inactive. Their new masters had changed this and instead of spreading riches they exact a heavy burden, which they cannot bear; there is only one resource, to supply by an extended and free trade the want of assistance from their new country and [the burden of] the rules which it imposes on us. The merchants of England are considered the first in the world and consequently the most enlightened, so that they can see what is most suitable and useful, but owing to their distance objects appear in a different light. Trade dies out, the necessary, indeed indispensable, articles cannot be obtained and their own produce of which they make use cannot form the means of payment. Sad situation! No more money is sent and none can be procured by their produce; the Colony, then, overwhelmed with debts which it cannot pay will become a useless member. From the bankruptcy of so many firms, established for four or five years, it is evident that the country is not sufficient of itself, but requires for some time either assistance or encouragement to trade as an equivalent. They complain that instead of cheap, wholesome wine they formerly obtained from France, they can only procure a strong, unwholesome wine at an onerous rate; that their wheat is charged on arrival in England with a heavy duty, whereas properly managed the import of this wheat would make England the granary of Europe and enable the Canadians to trade with advantage and to settle the debts they are obliged to contract for necessaries. Advocates the change of laws which may have become unsuitable, should they stand in the way of helping Canada. Call attention to the desire of the Roman Catholics for a superior and of the Protestants for a minister of their own faith; the good that would result. Urge him (Guinand) to take their cause in hand.

4 *foolscap pages.*

1765, October 17. Lincoln's Inn.—Fowler Walker to Dartmouth (?). Calls attention to the doubts as to the legislative powers exercised

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by Murray and his Council; he holds that they are not invested with any legal authority to ordain laws and ordinances for the public peace and welfare and good government of the province, notwithstanding they have taken upon themselves so to do. Although the King on the conquest of Canada had the right to place by the royal prerogative the legislative power in the Governor and Council solely, yet he had abridged his power by the terms of the proclamation of 1763, of which he quotes a section containing the provision for legislation, which is, "We have also given power to the said Governors with the Consent of our said Councils and the *representatives of the people* . . . . . to make, constitute and ordain laws &c. . . . . and untill such assemblies can be called as aforesaid, all persons inhabiting in or resorting to our said Colonies *may confide* in our royal protection for the enjoyment of the benefit of the *laws of our realm of England*." The Governor and Council are, therefore, given power in the meantime to constitute courts of judicature to hear and determine causes as near as may be agreeable to the laws of England with the right of appeal. Should his Majesty's ministers be of opinion that the Governor and Council are at *present* invested with a legislative power, that would "necessarily be attended with a most indecent and detestable conclusion, namely, that his Majesty's subjects, under the circumstances above mentioned, could not safely confide in his royal protection, for the enjoyment of the laws of his realm of England, notwithstanding his royal word and gracious assurances given them to the contrary." He points out the inconveniences that would arise from the sudden enforcement of the laws of England "upon a people whose genius and education, whose Religion and manners, are so widely different from those of the people for whom these laws were compiled," and as "these inconveniences cannot now be prevented consistently with the honour of the Crown and the rights of the people, without the sanction of a general assembly," urges that one should be called, the difficulties in the way being left for removal to the wisdom of his Majesty's Councils.

5¼ *foolscap pages, closely written.*

1765, November 4. Quebec.—François Joseph Cugnet for the heirs of Bissot, Joliet &c. to the Lords of Trade (in French), praying that the heirs be confirmed in the property on the main land of Mingan, the island of Anticosti, the island and islets of Mingan as far as Spanish Bay (*Ance des Espagnols*) commonly called Labrador or Baye Phelippeaux, sending the Act of Notoriety in place of the title which has been lost, fearing the effect of orders and regulations issued by Hugh Palliser, Governor of Newfoundland, respecting the coast of Labrador, and the islands of Anticosti and Madeline (the Magdalen Islands), which had been inserted in the Quebec *Gazette* of 31st October last, fears increased by a frigate with vessels furnished with passports for St. Modet and other ports, which had always belonged to the trade. Their hopes of success from the declaration by the King since the conquest, that the Canadians would be retained in their property.

1 *foolscap page.*

1765, November 15.—Additional instructions to Murray in reference to ordinance enacted on the 17th September, 1764, that a new ordinance is to be enacted, declaring that all the King's subjects in the Province

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of Quebec are entitled to be impanelled and to sit and act as jurors in all cases civil and criminal. Further that in all cases between British born subjects, the juries are to be composed of British born subjects only; in all causes between Canadians, the juries are to be Canadians only; in cases between British born subjects and Canadians, the juries are to consist of one half of each. Canadians are also authorised to practise in the Courts &c. [The date in a list of documents is 17th February, 1766, but this appears to be doubtful; as by the report of the Attorney and Solicitor General of 14th April, 1766, the date of the additional instruction is given as 15th November, 1765, as above.]

2½ *foolscap pages.*

1765, November 22. St. James's.—Order-in-Council that instructions are to be sent to Murray to exert himself to apprehend the principal offenders [in the attack on Thomas Walker], and to have them tried in the vicinage and by a jury from the vicinage of where the offence was committed. The report of the Committee of the Privy Council on the power of the Governor to issue commission for the trial of offenders in all the districts of the Province of Quebec.

1½ *foolscap pages.*

1765, December 28. Quebec.—Canadians of Quebec to Daniel Vialars, merchant, London (in French). Protest against the statement in the *Pennsylvanian Journal*, that petitions had been presented by the French inhabitants of Quebec as well as by the English, complaining loudly of oppressive and arbitrary proceedings of a certain Governor in America. They formally disavow the statement, esteeming themselves happy in living under the orders of the Hon. James Murray, whom they wish to see retained amongst them.

3 *foolscap pages, one of these consists of signatures.*

1765 (?).—Case for opinion of Counsel as to the validity of the title of Gabriel Christie to lands acquired from Senneville, through Cartier, his assignee, whose rights he purchased, at the instance of Seneville's heirs, the first grant to Boisclerc having been annulled and the proper formalities to confirm the second not having been complied with. (Undated; the last date in the body of the document is 8th September 1764.)

5½ *pages.*

1765 (?).—Unsigned letter complaining of the oppression exercised by Murray, of his illegal seizure of the goods of merchants and of the furs of the traders among the Indians &c. [The date is given from the reference to Cramahé being in London, which was in 1765. The merchants and traders of Quebec sent a petition for Murray's recall, supported by one from the merchants of London engaged in the trade to Canada, which were sent to Murray by Halifax on the 10th of June, 1765. Murray was recalled in 1766.]

12 *foolscap pages.*

1766, April 14, London.—Report from the Attorney and Solicitor General, Yorke and de Grey, relative to "the Civil Government of the Province of Quebec." It is endorsed 13th May 1766, but that is the date at which it was read at the Committee of the Privy Council. They had received for consideration and report memorials and petitions

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from British and French subjects in Canada, complaining of several of the ordinances and proceedings of the Governor and Council of Quebec. The "principal sources of the disorders have been 1st. The attempt to carry on the administrations of justice without the aid of the Natives, not merely in new forms, but totally in an unknown tongue, by which means the partys understood nothing of what was pleaded or determined having neither Canadian Advocates or Sollicitors to Conduct their Causes between Canadians only, nor Canadian Jurors to give Verdicts, even in Causes between Canadians only, nor Judges conversant in the French Language to declare the Law, and to pronounce Judgement; this must cause the Real mischiefs of Ignorance, oppression and Corruption, or else what is almost equal in Government to the mischiefs themselves, the suspicion and imputation of them.

"The second and great source of disorders was the Alarm taken at the Construction put upon his Majesty's Proclamation of Oct^{r} 7th 1763, as if it were his Royal Intentions by his Judges and officers in that Country, at once to abolish all the Usages and Customs of Canada, with the rough hand of A Conqueror rather than with the true spirit of a Lawful Sovereign, and not so much to extend the protection and Benefit of his English Laws to His new Subjects, by securing their Lives, Libertys and propertys with more certainty than in former times; as to impose new unnecessary and arbitrary Rules, especially in the Titles to Land, and in the Modes of Descent, Alienation and settlement, which tend to confound and subvert rights instead of supporting them."

The first had been rectified by the order made by their Lordships on 15th November last (1765) to Murray by an additional instruction, which provides an adequate remedy. The Lords of Trade have applied themselves with great care, ability and judgment to suggest remedies for the second evil. The plan criticised in detail. By the first article, a Court of Chancery, to be also a Court of Appeal, is "very rightly meant to invest the Governor and Council with two different jurisdictions, one as a Court of Equity, the other as a Court of Error." The second article proposing a Superior Court of ordinary jurisdiction is approved of. In addition to the provision that the judges are required to be conversant in the French language "and that one of them particularly should be knowing in the French usages," they recommend that they be instructed to confer sometimes with the Canadian lawyers most respected for learning, &c., who may prove of the greatest assistance. In regard to fixing the terms for the sitting of the Superior Court, it is recommended that these be settled by local circumstances. The fourth article proposes that four sessions of assize, oyer and terminer, and gaol delivery be held at Quebec, with like special commissions once or oftener in the year at Trois Rivières and Montreal. The law officers represent that it is unnecessary to lay down any particular rules for holding four sessions at Quebec. It would be better to hold the circuit courts at Trois Rivières and Montreal twice a year after the manner of the Courts of Great Sessions established in Wales by Henry VIII., and by the Circuit Courts settled for Scotland in the late reign (George II.). They approve of the distribution of the Province, as proposed by the fifth article, into the three districts of which Quebec, Montreal, and Trois Rivières shall be the captial towns, but in respect to the annual appointment of a Sheriff, they suggest that the term of office be longer, owing to the difficulty of procuring English and Protestant sheriffs, especially at Trois Rivières, where the annual sheriff of Quebec might fill the

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office with a deputy. In that case the sheriff might be annual at Quebec and the same at Montreal. Objections are made to the proposal in the sixth article that the justices of the peace of the three districts, should in quarter sessions have jurisdiction in suits to the value of ten pounds. Such cases they think should be tried in Quebec. The power given to two justices in suits up to forty shillings, and suggest that it would be popular with the new subjects if one or two Canadians were appointed justices. In respect to the proposition in the seventh article, that in all cases where rights and claims are founded on events prior to the Conquest of Canada the Courts are to be governed by the French usages and customs which had hitherto prevailed in respect to such property, they extend the principle to all cases, holding that "there is not a maxim of the Common Law more certain than that a Conquered people retain their Antient Customs till the Conqueror shall declare new Laws." Canada being long settled and the laws established as well as local customs, they are of opinion that the judges would answer all the ends of their trust if they model their conduct on the following general rules. 1. In regard to personal actions and wrongs, the substantial maxims of law and justice are everywhere the same, so that the judges cannot err if in such cases they look to these substantial maxims. 2. In regard to suits affecting real property, the introduction of English laws would cause great confusion, local laws and customs should, therefore, be followed. English judges, with the help of Canadian lawyers, would soon instruct themselves in these. 3. In suits before the Governor and Council as a Court of Equity the same general rules will apply. 4. In criminal cases English law should apply. Its certainty and lenity are the benefits intended by the royal proclamation. 5. In rules of process and the practice of the Courts, the Judges with the Attorney General of Quebec should be instructed to prepare a plan adapted to the jurisdiction of the different Courts; the forms of procedure should be as simple, easy, and as summary and expeditious as may consist with the advancement of right and protection of innocence.
17 *foolscap pages.*

1766, April 27. London.—H. S. Conway to Dartmouth. Asks that Carleton, appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Canada, be allowed to see the instructions to Murray and other material papers.
1 *quarto page.*

1766, May, 5. London.—Grant to Dartmouth. Recommends the appointment to the Council of Quebec, of William Grant.
1 *loosely written quarto page.*

1766, December 20. Quebec.—The nuns of the General Hospital (in French). Memorial, with account and orders authorising the supply, for payment of firewood purchased on account of the sick soldiers cared for in the hospital. The papers are certified copies.
7 *foolscap pages.*

1766.—List of documents relating to the Province of Quebec. These are placed at their respective dates.
1¼ *foolscap pages.*

1767, May 13. Grosvenor Square.—Rockingham to Dartmouth. Asks him to attend a meeting to arrange the time and mode of bringing

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up the Quebec affair in the House of Lords. Those at the meeting were to be the D. of R. (Duke of Richmond), Duke of N. (Newcastle), Lord Hardwicke, Charles Yorke and himself (Dartmouth).
1 *quarto page.*

1767, May 17.—"Memorial from a considerable number of His Majesty's new subjects in the Province of Quebec, complaining of the Constitution lately established." This is the title endorsed. There is no date; that here given follows the endorsed title.
6 *foolscap pages.*

1767, May 27. Whitehall.—Richmond to Dartmouth. The Quebec papers laid before the House by Shelburne. Asks him to attend a meeting to consider the motions or resolutions it may be proper to form.
1 *quarto page.*

1768, February 20. Whitehall.—Hillsborough to Barrington. The 8th regiment to be embarked for Quebec as soon as the transports are ready.
7 *lines.*

1768, August 20.—Plan (coloured) of the seigniories of Chateauguay, St. Louis (Caughnawaga) and Sallade on the south side of the St. Lawrence.
4 *foolscap pages.*

1768.—"Copy of a commission for the curate and minister of the parish of Quebec" (Anglican). "1768."
1¼ *foolscap pages.*

1769, March 15.—"Present Council of Quebec," and new councillors proposed. Undated. The list, with the proposed councillors appears to have been sent in a letter from Carleton to Hillsborough of this date.
1 *foolscap page.*

1770, November 5. Montreal.—Certificate (in French) that Jean Dumas had fulfilled the duties of a justice of the peace irreproachably till the first February last.
1 *foolscap page.*

1772, February 8. Near Petworth.—N. Turner to Dartmouth. Represents his case, having been Provost Marshal of Quebec, which office was abolished on the appointment of sheriffs. Prays for the payment of arrears of salary and that, as the recompense for his resignation of the patent he holds, his son should be appointed to office at 300*l.* a year. The transactions in reference to his claim by the Boards of Trade and Treasury.
4 *quarto pages.*

1772, August 7 (?) London.—Roubaud to Dartmouth (undated; in French). Would have sent his letter sooner but waited for certificate from Murray, which is enclosed. States that from his office as Jesuit missionary to the Indians he had been able to rescue 150 officers and soldiers from their hands whom they had intended to burn;

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His other services. Enclosed is Murray's certificate that he had sent Roubaud with information to the Secretary of State and that when he left Quebec the Jesuits had agreed to pay him an annuity. (Murray's certificate is dated 30th July, 1772.) The above date is calculated from the time occupied in the transmission of Murray's certificate.

2 pages of letter, ¾ page certificate, quarto.

1772, August 27. Papplewick.—Fred. Montagu to Dartmouth. Is unable to visit him (Dartmouth) on account of illness. A metrical "Inscription for the monument of General Wolfe" is enclosed.

2 pages for the letter and 1 for inscription, both quarto.

1772, September (?)—John Campbell, memorial for the office of Indian superintendent. Undated. [The Duke of Argyll, writing from Inverary on 30th October, 1772, recommends Campbell to be appointed to "the office which he solicits." The office is not named but the memorial is probably that referred to by the Duke.]

1 foolscap page.

1772, October 5. Bigna Park.—N. Turner to Dartmouth. Congratulates His Lordship on being appointed Secretary of State for America, which will give him power to carry into execution the recommendation (? recdn.) of sheriff in Quebec; it has been a detriment to him and his son, for whom the office was intended. (The phraseology is obscure.) Intreats that the case be recommended to His Majesty, and his son provided for on his (Turner's) resigning his patent.

1 quarto page.

1772, October 30. Inverary.—Argyll to Dartmouth. Recommends Capt. John Campbell as being properly qualified for the office he solicits in Quebec.

1½ quarto pages.

1772, November 18. London.—J. C. Roberts to Dartmouth. Represents the distressed situation to which he has been reduced, owing to the delay in deciding on the resumption of his patent office of Secretary of the Province of Quebec and the indemnification he was to receive for his resignation.

4 quarto pages.

1772, December 6.—"Abstract of such of the Regulations proposed in M[r] Solicitor Gen[l]'s Report as it may be expedient to establish by Act of Parliament." The abstract provides that the Governor and Council may make and ordain ordinances for the public peace &c.; a majority of the members must be present and such ordinances can only be passed at meetings specially called for the purpose. No ordinances affecting life or limb, or imposing taxes or by which the laws of England, or customs of Canada directed by the Act to be used, may be altered or varied until approved by His Majesty and signified by order-in-Council. Copies of ordinances to be transmitted to Lords of Trade to be laid before Parliament. All subjects in the Province of Quebec may freely profess their religion. "That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons who shall be licenced by the Governor of the Province to ordain Priests and Deacons, and also to grant Licences for Marriages as

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has been formerly used, but not to exercise any other ecclesiastical Jurisdiction or Authority." Crimes and misdemeanours to be tried by the laws of England. No person to suffer death for theft where the value of the thing taken shall be less than five pounds; where the offender is entitled to benefit of clergy he shall only be fined or imprisoned or bound to his good behaviour. After the verdict is given no charge shall be arrested upon any objection of informality. Laws respecting real property of His Majesty's Canadian subjects, and in cases of intestacy to be tried by the laws in force on the 13th September, 1759, but this not to apply to lands granted or to be granted in common soccage. At and after the age of 25, persons may change their tenures of land into free and common soccage. Wills &c. executed under the law prevailing on the 15th September, 1759. In marriages heretofore contracted the laws in force on the same date to regulate the distribution of personal property, but the laws of England to apply in the case of marriages after a date left blank.

5 *foolscap pages.*

1772, December 6.—"Abstract of such of the Regulations as the provincial Legislature of Quebec may carry into execution." The appointment of clergy where there is and there is not a lay patron. In the latter case "the Governor shall nominate and licence some person, being a Priest born in Canada or the British dominions or resident in Canada for the space of five years." Every priest shall receive his accustomed dues; he may be removed by the Governor on complaint. No Protestant to be compelled to pay tithes; these may be sued for by the Receiver General to be applied for the support of Protestant divines. Seigniories &c. held by the Jesuits on 15th September, 1759, to be vested in the Crown. How homage is to be paid. No sale of land after the money is paid to be rescinded by the lord or by the nearest relation of the vendor, claiming the right of pre-emption. The Governor to appoint Commissioners for the trial of small causes with right of appeal in cases above twelve pounds. The terms for holding the Superior Court and the creation of Circuit Courts. [There are two dates here the 13th and 15th; the capitulation of Quebec was signed on the 18th September, 1759, by Saunders, Admiral George Townsend, the chief officer in command of the troops, and De Ramesay.]

6¼ *foolscap pages.*

1772, December 18. London.—Roubaud to Dartmouth (in French). Robinson, to whom he was directed to apply, says he had no orders from Lord North respecting him (Roubaud); this forgetfulness is natural with so many cares as Lord North has; can only rely on His Lordship (Dartmouth). The promises by Shelburne to have him (Roubaud) paid, but on his resignation the promises were not kept, &c.

3 *quarto pages.*

1772, December 26. Parliament Street.—Robinson to Roubaud. North is out of town and has left no order for the payment of money to him (Roubaud). When he was paid the last to meet his debts he was told he must live on his pension; cannot, therefore, pay anything further without an express order.

1 *quarto page.*

1772, December 27. London.—Roubaud to Dartmouth (in French). His deplorable situation. Sends copy of Robinson's letter that when

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Quebec during his residence from 1768 to 1772," but the plan does not accompany it. (Marr was in command of the Royal Engineers at Quebec for some years, but appears to have been superseded in 1777 by Carleton and in July 1778, he complains of being treated as a cypher, Twiss, a junior officer having been put over his head. In August of 1778 he obtained leave of absence, but remained in charge of the local works at Quebec till the end of the summer of 1779). The remarks are thus divided: 1. Boundaries of the Province, taken from the Proclamation of 7th October, 1763. 2. River St. Lawrence. 3. Seigniories and subdivisions. 4. Conditions of vassalage. 5. Manner of taking and dividing the land. 6. Consequences of the foregoing manner of divisions. 7. Antient laws of succession to lands. 8. Changes which have happened under the English Government. 9. Nature of the soil and Canadian Improvements in Husbandry. 10. Timber &c. 11. Pipe staves. 12. Exports from Canada &c. 13. Disposition & Temper of the Canadians. 14. The Canadians indolent & the causes thereof. 15. Project for raising hemp. 16 has no title; this section gives the relative populations &c. 17 suggests building churches for Protestants in Quebec, Montreal and Three Rivers, and the class of ministers who should be settled in them; the desire for a House of Assembly by the old subjects; the inconveniences of granting it owing to the aggressive spirit of English speaking Protestants; the want of education among the Canadians and the probability that the Roman Catholic clergy would seek to be represented on account of their landed properties. Fortifications. General Remarks. Quebec, Montreal, Chambly, Dechambault.

The rough copy contains 55½ pages, besides the plan, the clean copy 78¼, both foolscap. The difference arises from the writing, the two copies being identical.

1773, March 31.—Memorial of Nicholas Turner that E. W. Gray, his deputy at Montreal, had accounted for the fees to June, 1768, but has since refused to do so. Asks that the Attorney General of Quebec may be ordered to compel him to account for and remit the fees.
½ *foolscap page.*

1773, April 15. Piccadilly.—Chartier de Lotbiniere to Dartmouth (in French). Had been working continuously to satisfy His Lordship's desires and would yesterday have sent part of his work had it been possible. He has touched on some of the causes in the Courts which had attracted his attention, stating their judgments, believing it to be necessary to convince those who may not yet be sufficiently so, of the necessity that the country should have principles of law which cannot be abused. Has suppressed the most monstrous facts of the actions to their close, feeling that the honest people of England had more than sufficient trouble in considering the little he had said. It will be new neither to His Lordship nor to Lord North to whom he had already related the whole and even more, and which have been entered in the statement he had made to him (Dartmouth). He had also informed Lord Hillsborough, who, in spite of his surprised and inquisitive air, he (Lotbiniere) was convinced had been informed of the whole before. As it is impossible to obtain leisure on His Lordship's reception day (jour de lever), asks for a private audience.
1¼ *quarto pages.*

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1773, May 12.—Maurice Morgan to Dartmouth. His mission to Quebec to report on the state of the judicature in that Province; the inadequacy of the allowance for his expenses and asks for additional payment.
4 quarto pages.

On a wrapper is endorsed "Mr. Mau. Morgan, 12 May, 1773, soliciting a reward from Government for his services at Quebec."

1773, May 20. London.—Roubaud to Dartmouth (in French). His claims against the Jesuits, certified by Murray; they refuse to pay and to recompense him. Government has added to his pension, but having entered on engagements on the faith of this he is now twice as deeply involved as he was before. Repeats the account of his services, &c.
3 foolscap pages.

1773, May 29.—Richard Manser to Dartmouth. Appeals for employment to relieve his necessitous state.
2¼ quarto pages.

1773, June 6. Beauport, near Battle, Sussex.—Roubaud to Dartmouth (in French). Has been desired by Murray to send another petition for which no great success is anticipated owing to causes which he can only communicate verbally. The danger he runs of being arrested in Murray's house, who owes him a safe conduct back to the college from which he drew him to send him to the King, and in honour should solicit and obtain from His Lordship a safe conduct to the Jesuits, which though hard would be less so than to perish in a London prison. States that the two Captains Mackay, of whom one received £1,000 for land not worth £50 and the younger is Surveyor of Woods, are both in Paris soliciting employment from the French Court &c. His fears of an execution on his furniture if he is not assisted.
2 foolscap pages.
A memorial (in French) to North is enclosed (1½ pages) and certificate by Murray (1 page) both foolscap.

1773, June 18. Beauport, near Battle, Sussex.—Roubaud to Dartmouth (in French). The silence in reference to his last request forebodes a refusal. The promises made to him of a sufficient pension, on account of the saving in connection with the paper money of Canada, have not been kept, whilst other men without any claim enjoy the favours of Government. His treatment will not encourage the new subjects to offer their services. Repeats the account of his wretched condition.
3 quarto pages.

1773, June 22. Quebec.—Cramahé to Dartmouth. Hopes that the consideration of the constitution for Quebec may soon be brought to a conclusion. To gain the affection of Canadian subjects they should be granted all possible freedom and indulgence in their religion. Recommends the appointment of a Roman Catholic Bishop and the allowance for a coadjutor, to consecrate the clergy &c. and to do away with the necessity of the Bishops crossing the seas for their own consecration, and meeting with these who are not friendly to British interests.
1¾ foolscap pages.

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1773, July 3. Bristol.—Bishop of Bristol to Dartmouth, strongly recommending the case of Gregory, late of Quebec, for relief.
1 *quarto page.*

1773, August 4.—Lord Chancellor to Dartmouth. Sends papers relating to Canada, which will, he believes, enable His Lordship to form a plan of Government for Canada. [The date may either be the 4th or 7th, the figure being badly made.]
½ *quarto page.*

1773, August 11. Paris.—Chartier de Lotbiniere to Dartmouth (in French). Offers to take charge of His Lordship's son and to meet him at Dieppe; suggests that he need only take one servant and not take the title of Lord, as that would greatly influence the expense. He would not be the less considered and would see equally good company. Assures His Lordship that he will guard him as he had done his own son, &c. [Lord Lewisham, the son in question, was not quite eighteen years old at this time.]
2 *quarto pages.*

1773, August 11. Inner Temple.—Maseres to Dartmouth. Asks for a sinecure office in one of the Provinces, on account of his services in Quebec. The office of Provost Marshal of Barbados is now vacant. His disappointment at losing an Indian judgeship, which he was obliged to refuse, as the Lord Chancellor insisted on giving priority in the Commission to a junior at the bar.
4 *quarto pages and five lines.*

1773, August 26. Inner Temple.—Maseres to Dartmouth. Has received information through Pownall that the office of Provost Marshal at Barbados had been granted in reversion. Asks that the same favour may be extended to him for another office. The desire on the part of Lord North, Lord Mansfield, and the Lord Chancellor to settle the constitution of the Province of Quebec by legislation.
3 *quarto pages.*

1773, September 4. Montreal.—Memorial (in French) of Joseph Fleury, represents the letting of his house for a barrack in Montreal and its destruction by fire and praying for reimbursement. Represents also the advances he made to Montcalm of grain and money for the use of the French troops for which he cannot get payment from the French Government.
6¾ *foolscap pages.*

1773, September 11. Beauport near Battle.—Roubaud to Dartmouth (in French). Is still with Murray and would have waited in silence the efforts of his friends with North, but for the bull for the dissolution of the Jesuits, which affects his interests as well as those of the public. The extent of the orders in the bull described. Accounts should be taken at once, since if the bull is received without the consequent orders of Government the Jesuits would leave the college, divide the funds and property, so that the King would lose a large sum and he (Roubaud) be deprived of his share. Asks for an interview on the subject. Rose Fuller, member for Rye drove him to a horse race at Lewes, where he had an interview with the Duke of Richmond at the ball, details of

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which he would give at his first visit. He is still a fugitive, separated from his family, and hopes that this opportunity will be taken to end his calamities.

2 *foolscap pages.*

A letter to Pownall of same date is enclosed, begging him to read the letter addressed to Dartmouth and to use his influence to have him recalled to London and to have his affairs settled, so as to put an end to his misfortunes.

1 *foolscap page. A separate wrapper states that the letter was read by the King.*

1773, October 18 (?). London.—Roubaud to Dartmouth. Memorial (in French), "sur l'etat present des jesuites en Canada." Had a few days before sent to the King what he believed to be an unanswerable proof of the necessity that Government should decide with respect to the Jesuits, the order having been abolished by the Pope and their properties, therefore, escheated to the Crown as had been the case in other States, although from motives of humanity they had granted the members an alimentary pension. The King would, no doubt, act with the same generosity towards the Jesuits of Canada, who were almost all in the decline of life, too old to be banished from their country and several not fit to provide for their own subsistence. To enable Government to decide what should be a proper allowance gives a list of their seigniorial and other properties, their college and other buildings, &c. In the society are three orders, the only true Jesuits being the professed; the brothers and non-professed were not understood to be of the order and could be dismissed at pleasure. When the treaty of peace was concluded they were forbidden by the Court to receive novices (*nouveaux sujets*) but they had the brothers, a kind of servants, not wearing the ecclesiastical soutane, taught a few words of Latin and made priests. These should not be admitted to the new fabrique; there are two of them living—Fathers Macquet and Cazeau. Gives the names and ages of the true professed who are nine in number, including himself. Suggests that to relieve the burden of paying the pension for a long time, the Bishop should be ordered to place the Jesuits in the vacant charges which are numerous in Canada, and which would furnish a larger amount for the decent subsistence of the priests than the value of the pension.

The *memoire* is undated. The *memoire* to the King, mentioned in the first paragraph as having been sent *a few days before*, was dated 11th October 1773.

6¼ *quarto pages.*

1773, November 28. La Haye.—Roubaud to Dartmouth (in French). The unexpected arrival of his wife and consequent increase of his expenses. Cannot pay his tavern bills which would be a disgrace to the office he holds of Secretary to the Embassy. Reiterates his claims on the Jesuits, &c.

2½ *quarto pages.*

1773, December 21. La Haye.—Roubaud to Dartmouth (in French). Had expended £3,000 sterling to redeem English prisoners; had enriched the state by a million sterling on account of the paper money of Canada (*dans l'affaire des papiers du Canada*); had served England faithfully for 13 years; the King had thanked Murray for sending him

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to London, and when he was deposed, the Jesuits had agreed to pay him a pension of 120 guineas a year, ratified and guaranteed by the Governor. For five years these claims were totally abandoned, and the Jesuits imitating the conduct of Government had ceased after a year, to pay the pension. His wretched state of poverty; asks for payment of his pension from the Jesuits with arrears, enlarging on his claims.
2 *quarto pages.*

1773.—"Avertissement. Doit être incessamment publiée par souscription, Lettre Canadienne et Sauvage, Dediée à Milord N. (North) par Mr. Roubaud, nouveau sujet de sa Majesté, et Membre de l'Eglise D'Angleterre, ci-devant Missionnaire Jesuite chés les Sauvages."
Printed. 4 *quarto pages.*

1773.—List of British proprietors of lands in the Province of Quebec in 1773.
1 *foolscap page.*

1773 (?)—Memorial by Rigauville to Carleton for a pension for his services when in command of the Canadian Corps. [Carleton was in London in 1773. Before leaving for Quebec in the summer of 1774, he recommended Rigauville for a pension of 200*l.*] The memorial is undated.
½ *page large sheet of parchment.*

1774, January 8.—Note from Maseres, with extracts from Le Brun, a French Canadian lawyer and Dumas, the latter dated 7th January, approving of Maseres' plan for settling the laws of the Province of Quebec.
5 *quarto pages.*

1774, February 4. Hague.—Joseph Yorke to Dartmouth, Roubaud, recommended to his care, had taken refuge here after his wife's elopement, but she has traced him out and joined him. The increased expense this has caused. Had not hesitated to assist him; his pension is small and although he acts prudently, he cannot avoid incurring debts. From his services he does not deserve to be given up or to die in prison. Asks instructions if he is to leave Roubaud and his wife to take their chance of returning to London. A postscript says:—"I could not refuse Mr. Roubaud the leave he asked to trouble your Lordship with a renewal of his lamentations."
3 *quarto pages.*

1774, February 11. St. James's Square.—Dartmouth to Yorke. In consideration of his difficulties rather than deserts, he had obtained assistance from the Treasury for Roubaud. Although he had promised to make no further solicitation, he would once more endeavour to preserve him from the ruin caused by his own indiscretions. His pension, though small, should suffice and he has besides had sums given to him to pay his debts; his extravagant pretensions. Roubaud is to send an account of his present debts and he shall hope to satisfy the most clamorous.
2½ *quarto pages.*

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1774, March 2.—Wedderburn to Dartmouth. Is doubtful if he has succeeded in expressing the alterations required in the Quebec bill; his objection to parts of the bill and alterations strengthened. His objection to French law in criminal cases, which Chief Justice Hey assures him would be as little agreeable to the French as to the English speaking inhabitants, and the French make very good jurymen. Sees no objection to the adoption of the criminal law of England, which might afterwards be modified in accordance with the circumstances of Canada. Remarks on the method of appointing to the Council. Objections to the definition of the state of the laws, the proclamation, commissions, &c., being annulled, and it is difficult to understand what is meant, a clause of the bill declaring "that His Majesty's subjects in Canada shall enjoy their Laws and Customs beneficially, as if the Proclamation had not been made and as is consistent with their allegiance and subjection to the Crown and Parliament of Great Britain." These words, Chief Justice Hey thinks, will much perplex the Canadian. "Is his Religion lawfull, or tolerated or unlawful. Are the rights of succession, of marriage, of contract, that have accrued since 1764 and been enjoyed according to the law of England rescinded, for the Act is in some measure declaratory as to the sense of the Proclamation. What is to be the condition of the English Canadian? Is he or is he not included in the description of His Majesty's subjects of and in Canada? He thinks it would be much better to express clearly what rights shall be restored to the Canadian, and that he would be better satisfied with a less extensive and a more certain Provision for him." He (Wedderburn) thinks the objections weighty, and that it would be easy to adapt a bill to the idea they suggest.
4 *foolscap pages.*

1774, March 11. Hague.—Yorke to Dartmouth. His Lordship having taken Roubaud's affairs in hand, he (Yorke) shall wait further directions. Leave of absence obtained for Ensign Selkirk Stewart.
1 *quarto page.*

1774, April 5. Paris.—Duc de Nivernois to Dartmouth (in French). Recommends the case of a French surgeon, settled for some time in Canada, but now in France to settle his affairs. He will on his way to Canada present this letter. Begs that the surgeon's request may be granted.
1½ *quarto pages.*

One of two copies of an unsigned and undated memorial is endorsed, "Letter from a French surgeon, recommended by the Duke de Nivernois." The memoralist appears to be the surgeon mentioned in the preceding letter. The application is to be appointed visiting surgeon to the two hospitals in Quebec now in charge of the nuns, who act as doctors and surgeons to the best of their power.
Each paper is foolscap of 2½ pages.

1774, April 20. London.—Pierce Sinnott to Pownall. Encloses memorial to be presented to Dartmouth, praying for an increase to his salary as Lieutenant Governor of Niagara, the present salary being insufficient.
1½ *foolscap pages.*
The memorial is enclosed. 1 *foolscap page.*

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1774, April 26. Fleet Street.—Charles Wray to Dartmouth. For leave of absence to Kneller, Attorney-General of Quebec, owing to the precarious state of his father's health and the danger of losing his inheritance should his father die without seeing him.
2 *quarto pages.*

1774, April 28.—Mansfield to Dartmouth. Suggests two alterations in the Quebec Act. One relative to the Supremacy. "I mean it to avoid what Lord North and yr Ldp. seemed very desirous of avoiding, the necessity of the Canadian gentlemen taking the Oath of Supremacy. The other relates to the Right of Tithes, &c., depending on the man's professing the Popish Religion, any man who denies professing it will be excused. They should pay to the Priest till the time is ripe for their paying to the Minister of some other Religion."
1¼ *quarto pages.*

1774, April 30.—Knox to Dartmouth. Sends a memorandum of Hillsborough's and Carleton's sentiments on the Quebec Bill.
2 *quarto pages.*

1774, April 30. Inner Temple.—Maseres to Dartmouth. Sends additional extracts of letters containing favourable opinions of his *memoire* on Canada. The evidence of the favour with which his plan for settling the laws of Quebec has been received by all classes, including the priests, shows that they regard it as beneficial.
4¼ *quarto pages.*

1774, May 1.—Dartmouth to Hillsborough. His objections to the Quebec bill have been laid before the Cabinet, which holds that the extension of the Province to the Ohio and Mississippi is an essential and very useful part of the bill. His objection to allowing a change of tenure has been agreed to and the clause struck out.
1 *foolscap page.*

1774, May 1.—Dartmouth to Mansfield. The first objection—that relative to the Supremacy,—has been agreed to by the Cabinet. The other—relative to tithes—is unnecessary, as His Majesty intends to make immediate provision for a Protestant clergy. The clause relating to the free exercise of religion has been made declaratory, which will remove doubts and prevent any ill consequences in other parts of His Majesty's dominions.
1 *foolscap page.*

1774, May 15.—Lord Chancellor (Apsley) to Dartmouth. Suggests caution in respect to giving the right to try mercantile cases by a jury as the revenue might be affected by the extension of the right. The note is undated; the above date is that of the endorsement.
1 *quarto page.*

1774, May —.—Lord Chancellor to Dartmouth. Presumes the Quebec bill will be returned to the Lords on Tuesday, with many amendments. Suggests that the bill be printed and the amendments considered on Friday. Date endorsed; the bill did not, however, pass the Commons till the 13th June.
1 *quarto page.*

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1774, June 13.—Robinson to Dartmouth. Transmits the Quebec Act complete as it passed the House of Commons this day.
½ *quarto page.*

1774.—"Bill, (with emendations;) intituled An Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America. (1774)."
8½ *foolscap pages. Printed.*

1774.—Two draughts entitled: An Act for making more effectual Provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and for removing Doubts which have arisen relative to the Laws and Constitution of the said Province since the Proclamation of 7 October 1763.
14¾ *and* 16¼ *pages respectively.*

Draught not dated, probably 1774.—An Act to remove the Doubts which have arisen relative to the Laws and Government of the Province of Quebec, since His Majesty's Royal Proclamation of the seventh day of October 1763.
Two copies, one 19 *the other* 20 *pages, the longer being a little more loosely written.*

Draught probably 1774.—An Act for granting for a limited time therein ment[d], Powers of Legislation to the Governor and Council of His Majesty's Province of Quebec for the time being.
8 *foolscap pages.*

1774 (?) Preamble of the above.
2 *foolscap pages.*

1774 (?)—"A memorandum of things necessary for establishing Laws & Government in the Province of Quebec, either by Act of Parliament, Order of the King in Council, or by the proposed Council at Quebec."
Endorsed:—"Memorandum respecting Quebec and its Civil Constitution."
2½ *half foolscap pages.*

1774 (?).—Apparently a proposed clause (A) in the Quebec Act, respecting the oath to be taken by Roman Catholics.
2¼ *foolscap pages.*

1774 (?).—Proposed clause of Quebec Act for the purpose of regulating trade, &c.
¾ *foolscap page.*

1774 (?).—A proposed clause that the change in the Constitution is not to affect any titles, &c. to lands.
½ *foolscap page.*

1774 (?).—*Endorsed*:—"Opinion on the Gov[t]. & Laws of Quebec." There is neither date nor signature.
1 *foolscap page.*

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1774 (?).—"Queries relative to the Government of Quebec for consideration in case the Bill passes in its present shape." The queries relate to Limits, General Government and Courts of Justice, Religion. Suggests that the Governor and Chief Justice prepare the following bills:—(1). For establishing Courts of Justice and regulating their proceedings. (2.) For the better regulation of the ecclesiastical affairs of Quebec. (3.) For regulating the trade with the Indians and preventing unlawful settlements in the interior country. (4.) For regulating the fisheries on the Coast of Labrador. (5.) For the more effectual administration of justice and government in the several subordinate districts in the interior Country.
5¼ *half pages, foolscap.*

1774 (?).—*Endorsed:* "Notes of alterations in the Quebec bill."
2 *foolscap pages.*

1774 (?).—Suggestions without title, date, or signature apparently respecting the Quebec Act, 1774.
4 *foolscap pages.*

1774 (?).—*Endorsed:* "Paper relative to the extension of the limits of Quebec." No doubt suggestions for the boundaries described in the Quebec Act, 1774.
6¼ *foolscap pages.*

1774 (?)—W. K. (Knox) to Dartmouth (?). Remarks on clauses apparently contained in the Quebec Act, 1774.
1¼ *quarto pages.*

1774 (?).—"Hillsborough's objections to the Quebec bill in its present form."
6½ *quarto pages.*

1774 (?).—A fragment, apparently notes on the Quebec Act.
1 *foolscap page.*

1774.—"Heads of a Plan for the Establishment of Ecclesiastical Affairs in the Province of Quebec." This appears to be the suggestions on the subject embodied in the Quebec Act, 1774.
10½ *foolscap pages.*

A paper endorsed "Minutes of Quebec Instructions." Seems to be of the same date.
1 *foolscap page.*

Another paper, endorsed "Epitome of the proposed Ordinance for establishing Courts of Justice in the Province of Quebec" is apparently of the same date. The title at the head of the paper is "From the Ordinances."
11 *foolscap pages.*

1774 (?).—Chartier de Lotbiniere, tant en son nom, qu'au nom des Canadiens: "Choses indispensables à considérer, et à déterminer fixe-

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ment si le Bill présénté pour la Province de Quebec a lieu." A criticism on various clauses of the Quebec Act, 1774.
4 *quarto pages.*

1774 (?)—"The case of the British Merchants trading to Quebec and others of his Majesty's natural born subjects, who have been induced to venture their property in the said Province in the Faith of his Majesty's Proclamation, and other Promises solemnly given." A remonstrance against the establishing of French law in respect to property; if this is to be enacted ask that the operation may be suspended till they can withdraw their effects. Urge the establishment of a House of Assembly, &c.
10½ *foolscap pages.*
Printed.

1774, June 17. College of Advocates, Doctors Commons.—Marriott to Dartmouth. Applies for a living for Rev. George Marriott, who is willing to go to the Colonies. His services.
2 *quarto pages.*

1774, July 13. Warwick Castle.—C. Greville to Dartmouth. Had come to town expecting a meeting of the Board; complains of the neglect of the Secretary in not giving notice of adjournments.
2½ *quarto pages.*

1774, July 17.—Pownall to Dartmouth. Governor Hutchinson has been presented to the Queen under the wing of Suffolk. Has conversed with Hey about the Quebec Act; Hey prefers his (Pownall's) plan to his own but he (Pownall) thinks Hey's is best; anything that falls short of, goes beyond or halts between either will be improper. Carleton gone; has left a list of persons proper for Councillors, which is enclosed. He (Pownall) is going to Margate, but is not sure where he shall fix his residence. North says that Roubaud is to have 300*l.* but must wait till it is convenient to the Treasury to issue it.
1 *foolscap page.*

1774, August 1. New York Coffee House.—Merchants in the Quebec trade complain of the absence of the Chief Justice from Quebec, so that no business can be done in the Court of King's Bench, Quebec. The French law takes effect on the 1st of May next, and merchants who gave credit under the English law should have an opportunity of being heard before the alteration takes place.
1½ *quarto pages.*

1774, September 4. Montreal.—F. Martin to —— (in French). Had obtained observations on plan of the Act, differing from those of Cugnet. The Act having passed without amendment returns the papers to the person from whom he obtained them. Carleton expected with full power to enforce the Act; time will tell the result. Hopes he has spoken favourably of him (Martin). The power of the justices of peace having been destroyed by the last ordinance, had taken the precaution to obtain certificates of his conduct in that office and hopes for some small employment or pension.
1½ *foolscap pages.*

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1774, October 10. Valbung.—Roubaud to Rowsall (in French). Had received his pension from his banker, to whom he had given an order on the Treasury. The conduct of his wife had obliged him to do this to avoid scandal, as she had her Ganymede with her for a year. She goes to London next week, may God go with her; she will probably be accompanied by her young man (*gars*) and they will no doubt try to entangle his affairs so as to prevent his return to London. If his business is not settled before their arrival he does not know when it will be and asks that Lord Dartmouth be informed of the facts. If his agent gives him favourable news, the Ambassador thinks he should set out, and on the assurance of the benefit promised by the Treasury he may borrow money to pay his creditors. His position with a wife openly in company with her lover; it is ruining his purse, his health and his honour here and he may besides be useful in London.

1¾ *quarto pages.*

1774, November 22. Hague.—Yorke to Dartmouth. No money having been remitted to satisfy the wants of Roubaud, he must leave without paying his debts, which although not considerable are still a considerable sum for one who has nothing. Owes him a certificate for his discreet and prudent behaviour in spite of the provocation of a wife from whom he has prudently separated. Should he receive the gratification he expects, hopes that enough will be sent to pay his debts.

1 *quarto page.*

1775, January 12.—Louis de Lotbinière, priest of the order of Malta to Maseres (in French). Congratulates him on his promotion &c., and trusts from his merit he may receive a still higher office. Complains of the conduct towards him of Bishop Briand, for which he can obtain no redress and hopes to obtain lay employment if he cannot be employed ecclesiastically. Undated, received on the date above. The original and copy are both in the bundle.

Original 4 *pages, the copy* 5½ *pages.* The different space occupied is that the original is in a small, the copy in a large loose hand.

1775, February 18. London.—Roubaud to Dartmouth (in French). Urges his claims for a pension and that on his being officially informed of its being granted, he could borrow money in London on an order being given to repay it in Quebec. An order had been given to the Jesuits to pay him, which they had refused on the ground that he had become a player, although at the time of the accusation he only knew a few words of English. He makes his wife an allowance of 50*l.*, and has only three or four guineas left, when this is spent he will be forced to beg at St. James's, in a court suit presented to him by the King; asks leave to solicit a public subscription, &c.

2 *quarto pages.*

1775, February 21. Old Bond Street.—Charles Thompson to Dartmouth. Recommends Captain Sinclair for employment in Canada. [This is probably the Capt. Sinclair who was afterwards Lieut.-Governor of Michilimakinak, but he did not arrive to take office there till 5th October, 1779.]

1 *quarto page.*

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1775, March 1. London.—Roubaud to Dartmouth (in French). Fearing the letter he wrote with petition may have been mislaid, sends the substance of the petition. It is a further application for the payment of the pension which, he alleges, was due to him by the Jesuits. The memorial (enclosed) repeats the statement of his redeeming the lives of British officers and soldiers from the hands of the Indians who had them bound to a stake ready to be burned. Reiterates his other services &c.

The letter 1½ pages, the memorial 2 pages, both foolscap.

1775, March 9. London House.—Bishop of London to Dartmouth. Has admitted Lewis Guerry into orders, and whenever he has His Majesty's appointment shall give him a licence. The changes that may be necessary in the form of appointment.

2 *quarto pages.*

1775, March 15. Dublin Castle.—Harcourt to Dartmouth. Introduces and recommends Captain Hamilton for employment in Canada. [Hamilton was appointed Governor of Detroit, and taken prisoner at Vincennes on his expedition against the Illinois Country].

2 *quarto pages.*

1775, July 5. Montreal.—Carleton to Dartmouth. Recommends Grant, a half-pay officer, who had settled on Lake Champlain and was driven off by the banditti, suggests his being employed in the raising of new levies.

2 *quarto pages.*

1775, August 17. London.—George Green to Pownall. Had been offered the position of naval officer of all Canada on certain conditions. His earnest desire to obtain a patent, but the doubts of the Secretary of State whether it could be granted was referred to him (Pownall) for advice, and beseeches his interest for securing the place in an ample manner.

3¼ *quarto pages.*

1775.—List of appointments in Quebec.

1 *foolscap page.*

1775 (?)—Memorial by Roubaud (in French) to Dartmouth. A repetition of previous statements of his services and his claims against the Jesuits. Undated. [Dartmouth was Colonial Secretary from 1772 to 1776.] In the last paragraph of the memorial Roubaud gives an account of a series of letters written to Montcalm by an English gentleman, with whom Montcalm was intimate, copies of which had been handed to the King by General Green. These letters appear to be those attributed to Montcalm.

5 *foolscap pages.*

1775 (?)—Memorial of Gregory late Chief Justice of Quebec for an examination into the grounds of his dismissal from that office, and for such relief as his case merits.

1½ *foolscap pages.*

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1775 (?)—Memorial of James Babbidge, a reduced lieutenant of the late 78th regiment, stating his services at Louisbourg &c and praying for employment.
1¼ *quarto pages.*

1775 (?)—Memorial of Matthew Brettingham, junior, that Nicholas Turner, who had been appointed Provost Marshal of Quebec had made an agreement to allow him 100*l.* a year out of that office. Prays that the allowance asked for by Turner, on condition of resigning his patent, may be granted so that he could carry out the agreement.
1 *foolscap page.*

1775 (?)—Memorial of John Christopher Roberts, praying for an annuity in lieu of the emoluments he had in his offices, of which he had been deprived by the late Act (Quebec Act). [Roberts was Secretary, Clerk of the Council, Commissary General of Stores and Provisions and Clerk of the Enrolments.]
1 *foolscap page.*

1775 (?)—Entitled: "From the Instructions," Undated, but from their nature the extracts appear to be from the instructions prepared for Carleton after the passage of the Quebec Act in 1774.
4½ *foolscap pages.*

1775 (?).—"Estimate of the expense of the Civil Establishment of the Province of Quebec and its Dependencies." Probably prepared after the passing of the Quebec Act of 1774.
1½ *foolscap pages.*

1776, May 14. Quebec.—Carleton to Dartmouth. Will not trouble his Lordship with remarks. Is pleased that Alves, appointed waiter and searcher in the Customs, is under his Lordship's protection. There is a duplicate.
1 *quarto page.*

1776 (?).—Hey to Dartmouth. Had called with the draught of an ordinance for establishing Courts of Justice in Quebec and throughout the Province. His dissatisfaction with his own attempt.
1 *quarto page.*

1776 (?).—Notes, apparently by Carleton, of pensions to be allowed and claims to be settled in Quebec.
1½ *foolscap pages.*

1776 (?).—List of the civil offices in Quebec, with the authority in whom is vested the appointments. No date; endorsed, "Memo. for Quebec."
1 *quarto page, and a scrap of paper with a list of names.*

1777, June 30. Quebec.—W. Gordon to Dartmouth. Thanks for the attention paid to his memorial. Mandamus to hold the offices of Clerk of the Crown and Common Pleas not received till 20th May, owing to the detention of the vessel at Halifax. Knox's letter of

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27th March that he could not hold the office of Clerk of the Common Pleas as well as Clerk of the Crown received on the 2nd of June, so that he had not used the mandamus, nor had he intended to do so, as it would have deprived a worthy man of his subsistence. The office he holds yields £100 a year, without perquisites, on which he cannot live, but Carleton has added to his salary, which he trusts may be approved of. His services during the siege of 1775; owing to disease then contracted asks for leave of absence.

3 *quarto pages.*

1777 (?).—Roubaud, memorial addressed "Au Roi." One of many memorials on the subject of his services and his claims on the Jesuits for a pension. The words "Quand le Général Murray, me deputa à Londres *il y a prés de douze ans*" fix the date nearly.

1½ *foolscap pages.*

1780, February. Marshalsea Prison.—Henry Hutchinson to Dartmouth. Appeals for assistance to relieve him from imprisonment for debt, from which he had been released under the Insolvency Act, but rearrested on account of small debts contracted for his subsistence in prison. (1 *foolscap page.*) The letter is undated, but it encloses a certificate from the turnkey, referred to in the letter, dated 12th February 1780, apparently a few days before the letter was written. There are also certificates of his services. These certificates are all on scraps of paper.

1792, July 3. Montreal.—Chartier de Lotbiniere to Dartmouth (in French). Complains of his unfortunate position in consequence of the marriage of his son with a woman at Three Rivers, who has succeeded in ruining the family. Begs that the case may be laid before the King and his Ministers. Transmits a letter which he requests may be sent to France.

3 *quarto pages.*

The answer (in French) placed with it is undated. The matter cannot be laid before the King, and he is not connected with the Ministry. Suggests writing to the Secretary of State.

1½ *quarto pages.*

No date.—"Catalogue of trees, shrubs, flowers and herbs, discovered in Canada, in North America, by John Wright, Gardiner and Surveyor of His Majesty's Gardens, in the City of Quebec," &c. The list gives the names of 584 varieties.

A large poster sheet. Printed.

No date.—Endorsed, "Monsr Lotbinière."—A note of boundaries of seigniories, on the St. Lawrence and Ottawa, apparently with the object of obtaining the grant of vacant land, or if that cannot be granted to have a lot of land (terrain) reserved in East Florida.

1 *quarto page.*

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1772, February.—A printed statement in relation to the missions of the Brethren (Moravians) among the Esquimaux.
4 *octavo pages.*

1772, November 4. Nain.—Braasen to Hutton, secretary. The title is: "A Letter from the little Congregation in Nain in Terra Labrador to the Society for the furtherance of the Gospel among the heathen." Gives an account of their proceedings among the Esquimaux and the success of their mission.
3 *foolscap pages.*

Endorsed :—Mr. Hutton, Chelsea, [who was secretary for the Brethren or Moravians, and the copy here was addressed to Dartmouth].

1772, November 30. Whitehall.—Report of Lords of Trade on the claims of Hocquart to the fishing post of the Gros Mecatinat, on the coast of Labrador. Report the grant to Bissot in 1662, of a tract of land "from the River aux Œufs in the mouth of the River St Lawrence to Phelippeaux Bay near the Straights of Belle Isle," under the denomination of the Main Land of Mingan. In 1679, all the islands on the coast within the described limits were granted to Joliet and Lalande. It is within these limits that Gros Mecatinat, claimed by Hocquart, is situated, containing, according to description, four leagues in front and four in depth, with all the isles and islets adjoining. The proprietors making no use of the post for a fishery, Hocquart in 1739, being then intendant, granted a lease of it for nine years to Pomereau, but the post being a part of the seigniory of the Main Land and Isles of Mingan, three per cent. of all the profits was reserved for the proprietors. Death of Pomereau, extension of the lease for three years to his widow; her refusal to pay an increased rent induced the proprietors to take it into their own hands, but Bigot, then intendant, refused them possession, on the alleged ground of prejudicing the rights of the Crown. Tachet, employed by the proprietors, went to France and obtained for them the promise of the post, but Hocquart by his influence at the Court of France obtained a grant of Gros Mecatina for life, on the reservation of three per cent to the proprietors and leased it to Tachet, who held the post as lessee from Hocquart from 1754 to 1759, when the country was conquered. Cannot recommend that Hocquart be confirmed in possession of Gros Mecatina, his title not warranting this, and may prejudice the claim of the grantees, which they would no doubt prosecute before the Courts in Quebec, should the coast of Labrador be reannexed to Quebec, having been improvidently made a part of the Government of Newfoundland by the proclamation of 1763. Even if Hocquart's claim had been valid, he had not taken advantage of the fourth article of the Treaty of Paris, either by continuing his residence in Canada as a British subject, or by selling his estates to His Majesty's subjects within the delay prescribed by the treaty.
7½ *foolscap pages.* There are two copies of the report.

An undated memorandum giving a note of the grants on the coast of Labrador from 1662, appears to belong to the preceding papers.
1 *foolscap page.*

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1772, December 2. Lindsey House, Chelsea.—John Wollin to ———. Reports that the missionaries on the coast of Labrador are well, cheerful and on good terms with the Esquimaux. The improvement in the conduct of those who came to Newfoundland in June, on their way to trade in the Bay of Chaleur. It is hoped "that the murders and disturbances which formerly sometimes occurred, will for the future cease."

1 *quarto page.*

1773, January 5. Lindsey House, Chelsea.—Hutton to Dartmouth. After making a summary of the material passages relating to Labrador, had found he had forgotten to speak of the proposal of Mikak, the Esquimaux woman, to return to England with her new husband and son to get a new boat &c. The objection by Government for many reasons, "to the savage apparitions" in England, so that the return of Mikak was prevented by the missionaries. The envy of the other Esquimaux of the presents received by Mikak which are spoiled and good for nothing as she had to hide them. The bad effect on her own mind of the visit, and the licentiousness she indulged in. The evil influence on the Esquimaux of the example shown them when in England. The sight of the ships has sufficiently proved the force of the nation and the good conduct of the sailors, restrained by Palliser and Byron, has had all the good effect wished for without other inconveniences.

3 *foolscap pages.*

This letter accompanied an undated paper with the title:

"The Brethren's Society for the furtherance of the Gospel among the heathen, Humbly present the following brief account of the Brethren's Mission & Settlement in Esquimaux Bay on the Coast of Labrador during the first year of the Missionaries abode there, to the Right Hon^ble^ the Earl of Dartmouth, one of his Majesty's principle Secretaries of State & to The Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations."

12 *foolscap pages.*

A private letter from Hutton, dated the 6th January, gives what he calls in another letter of the same date (not marked private) "A view of the internal and spiritual course of the mission within itself." This view speaks of the fourteen people living "together as a Family devoted to God: having every one of them the same views and the same Taste & are together as a sort of Religious House, have their Morning and Evening Prayer, meetings for reading the Scriptures and singing Hymns & Liturgies every day" &c. &c. The manner of communicating Christian teaching to the Esquimaux is also given.

6 *quarto pages.*

1773, January 6. Lindsey House, Chelsea.—Hutton to Dartmouth. Apologises for the delay in transmitting the summary of the proceedings of the Brethren among the Esquimaux, owing to the difficulty of having it properly copied. This being the anniversary of the homage paid by the wise men from the East to the Saviour, [Twelfth Day] the Society is holding a meeting to rejoice together at the hope of an increase of believing Gentiles. The articles of the Society, printed and bound, had been sent by La Trobe to Hillsborough to be presented to the

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King. If no opportunity had offered for this presentation shall have another copy prepared. Thanks for the favours so readily granted by Government. The good effects of the labours of the Brethren must be a pleasing reflection to those who have assisted. The satisfaction of the Society at his (Dartmouth's) appointment, knowing that His Lordship will feel peculiar joy in being in a position to gratify his desire to forward the work of the Brethren. A summary at the end of the letter shows that 98 Brethren and 46 sisters were engaged in different parts of the world as missionaries, twelve Brethren and three sisters being in Labrador. "All these," he says "are volunteers, who try to maintain themselves by the labour of their hands, with as little expense as possible."

5 quarto pages.

1773, January 13.—Lieut. Cartwright to Dartmouth. His objections to vesting the Government of Labrador in the Governor of Canada, instead of in the Governor of Newfoundland. The propriety of having the property in the fisheries of Labrador granted to individuals, although not allowed in Newfoundland. The reasons for and against given in parallel columns, respectively entitled: "Labrador continuing united with Newfoundland," and "Labrador supposed to be annexed to the Province of Canada." [George Cartwright, the author of this paper, spent many years in Labrador and published the journals of his proceedings, with illustrations of the scenery, &c.]

6 foolscap pages.

1773, February 13. Bath.—Lord Clare to Dartmouth. Recommends Noble and Pinson for a grant of a district on the Labrador Coast. If admitted to an interview Pinson could give His Lordship information about the coast that might be of advantage to the public.

1 quarto page.

1773, March 9. Whitehall.—Dartmouth to Shuldham. Instructs him that all engaged or to engage in seal and salmon fishery on the Labrador Coast and who have taken or shall take possession of any river or bays of Labrador or to the north of the Straight of Belle Isle, making permanent establishments to carry on the fisheries are to be protected, provided they annually fit out from Great Britain one or more ship or ships to be employed in the cod fishery on the coast of Labrador. The proprietors are to claim no greater extent of the shore than is necessary in proportion to the number of the ships and men they employ. *Not signed.*

Endorsed:—"Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov^{r} Shuldham."

2 foolscap pages.

1773, August 12. Paris.—Hocquart to Dartmouth (in French). His claim to be the proprietor of Le Gros Mecatina is resisted by Cugnet, on the ground that it has become his by his marriage with the daughter of La Fontaine, the proprietor. La Fontaine when the property was sold by auction to Madame Montesson, from whom he (Hocquart) acquired it, had exercised his right of *tiercement* (a right under the feudal law by which the proprietor could demand a third more than the highest offer) and instead of 4,600 livres bid by Madame

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Montesson had demanded and been paid 6,133·06 sous, as appears by a copy of the transaction signed by Bigot (the intendant) and by La Fontaine.

2 *foolscap pages.*

The account of the transaction (*in French*) *is enclosed.*

1½ *foolscap pages.*

1773, November 4. Lindsey House, Chelsea.—La Trobe to Dartmouth. Return of Brother and Sister Layritz from Nain, to which place they had gone in Spring. The dangers they had encountered on the voyage from St. John's Newfoundland in a sloop of 30 tons, the voyage occupying nine weeks, "being drove into Bays and among islands by contrary winds. They were graciously preserved in storms among floating Ice and were turned back by a field of Ice of vast dimensions. They were twice surrounded by numbers of the most savage Esquimeaux, who have been used to murder and rapine, but the hand of God not only preserved them, but Br Layritz went among them, and preached to them, which Br Beck interpreted, they were very attentive." Safe arrival at Nain and welcome from the Brethren and Sisters and from the Esquimaux. All the people healthy and happy. Visit of some of the Missionaries to the North, reaching to 60° latitude. Hopeful prospects. Had called on His Lordship but was unable to see him. Layritz desired to make a verbal report &c.

3 *quarto pages.*

1773.—Three papers of jottings on Palliser's regulations respecting Labrador. They relate, apparently, to the consideration of the reannexing of Labrador to Quebec, and refer entirely to Labrador, although two are endorsed Newfoundland.

1 *foolscap page*, 1½ *and* 4 *quarto pages respectively.*

1773.—"Proposal for a further exploration of the country of Labrador; humbly addressed to the Right Honourable the Earl of Dartmouth, by Lieutenant Roger Curtis of His Majesty's sloop the Otter one of Commodore Shuldham's squadron." Curtis, afterwards Sir Roger, who died in 1816 an admiral of the red, reports having made a survey but gives no date, According to the MSS. of the Moravians, this was in 1773; as in a report in the Moravian mission office, 7 Furnival's Inn, a copy of one noted as being sent by Curtis either to the Admiralty or Governor Shuldham, that is the year in which the survey was made. But the official log book and muster roll show that Curtis was on board of the "Otter" lying at Pitt's Harbour Chateau, now Headley Harbour, all the summer of 1773, so that the two statements are entirely irreconcileable, although the report in the Moravian Mission office is very explicit as to his proceedings at the Mission station. It is impossible now to determine. Either the muster roll was improperly kept or Curtis did not make the survey, which, in view of the details he gives, it is not possible to believe. He was paid off from the "Otter" on the 27th November, 1773, and remained on half-pay till commissioned in the "Chatham" on the 6th August 1775. The year 1773 appears to be the date of the proposal.

10½ *small quarto pages.*

1774, January 13, Coleman Street.—Robert Hunter to Dartmouth. The growth of the fishery. Asks for protection to the holders of the fishing posts, who are liable to disturbance should the vessels sent out

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annually, as required by the regulations, be late in arriving on the coast. Asks for copy of the regulations to be sent to his friends to prevent misunderstanding between them and the officers of His Majesty's ships.

2½ *quarto pages.*

1774, March 1. London.—George Cartwright to Dartmouth. A sealing and salmon post on Seal Island and the River Charles had been taken possession of by him and his partner, the partnership expiring in 1773. That Andrew Pinson unlawfully seized on the post in 1772, and still retained possession when he (Cartwright) arrived on the coast in August, 1773, Shuldham having given him permission to fish there for the season on account of his (Cartwright's) late arrival, so that the fishing should not be lost for the season. Prays for such remedy as may be considered just.

3 *foolscap pages.*

1774, September 12. Charles Harbour.—Cartwright to Dartmouth. Has not been able to meet with any fossils worthy of acceptance. Sends a tree cut down by the beaver and gives a sketch of the habits of the animal. The decline of the fisheries in 1770, on account of the uncertain tenure of the posts. The only firm that continued was that of Noble and Pinson, who by sending out their vessels early hoped to be able to seize all the best posts by getting first on the coast. The murder of a crew by the Indians had deterred them from extending their fishery further than Bad Bay, about a mile from the block-house at Chateau ; that and Seal Island, were the only sealing posts without the Straights of Belle Isle in possession of the English when he came and they had not one salmon post. His operations during 1771. Seizure of his post by Pinson in 1772, owing to the non-arrival of his (Cartwright's) vessel, she having been cast away on Fogo Island ; had, therefore, established new posts. The advantage of the new regulations for the security of property, but Noble and Pinson still held possession of his posts until dispossessed of two of them by the Governor, who had not, however, restored him Seal Island, to which he has a better title than they (Noble and Pinson). Finds that the coast is annexed to Quebec, and that the Canadians are to be reinstated in all their former possessions. The disadvantage of this to the traders who may be dispossessed by old, unheard of grants, never made use of. Requests to have all that part of the coast between Cape Charles and Cape St. Lewis, and the islands within those limits. No Esquimaux have come this summer ; the indulgence shown by Government to the Moravians has enabled them to engross the trade of these people, to his no small loss and disappointment, as £300 of goods are in hand not saleable any where else. Return of a boat from Sandwich Bay, where she left the furriers in possession of the Salmon river ; there was no sign of any Europeans having dwelt there ; it is much frequented by the Nescanpick Indians, who are good furriers and have traded with the Canadians for many years. One family had visited him from whom furs to the amount of £50 had been bought. Proposes to take a cruise to the northward, to visit the Indians and find out proper places for summer sealing and for whale fishing.

8 *quarto pages.*

1774, December 3. King's Road, Chelsea.—Hutton to Dartmouth. Reports the wreck of the sloop sent northward to look out for a

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missionary settlement; two of the missionaries, Brasen and Lehman, drowned, the rest saved, but without provisions or tools, and had lost their boat. Some biscuits and blankets driven ashore, and the broken boat with her sides stove in. With the blankets, and with the fur from their waistcoats, breeches, and boots they succeeded in keeping her afloat with seven persons till they reached Nain.

2½ *quarto pages.*

1774, December 4.—Hutton to Dartmouth. In breaking the news to Mrs. Brasen of her husband being drowned on the 15th of September, she said his corpse had appeared to her on that night, with a wound across his nose. That was the time, the letter continues, of his being drowned. When the corpses were brought from the scene of the wreck, "all Nain saw the wound on the Nose of Mr. Brâsen." The good qualities of Brasen, whom they all miss.

2 *quarto pages.*

1774, December 12.—List (unsigned) "of the fishing posts occupied by the British merchants who carry on business without the Streights of Belleisle." The list gives the names of those engaged in the cod fisheries, and of the "Seeling" posts.

Endorsed:—Mr. Cartwright, Labradore 12 Dec. 1774.

2 *quarto pages.*

1775, January 10. Island of Jersey.—Mr. Corbett, Lieut.-Governor of Jersey, to Dartmouth. A company of merchants on the island fitted out a vessel in 1767, with 50 men for the fishery in Labrador, but abandoned it with a loss in 1769. In 1773, they were induced by Derby to enter again on the trade, but are alarmed at the report that Labrador is annexed to Quebec, and that all their posts will be taken possession of. The importance of this trade to the Island of Jersey; asks for information to quiet the minds of the merchants.

2¼ *quarto pages.*

1775, September 14. Sandwich Bay.—Cartwright to Dartmouth. The failure of the fisheries last winter. The security of possession has, however, encouraged the adventurers to prepare with vigour for the prosecution of the trade. Next year, if no new regulations prejudicial to their interests are issued, every branch of the fishery will be increased nearly one fourth. The season was late this year for cod fishing, but a good one at last. Gives details of the preparations for salmon fishing. His partners are discouraged but he will carry on the business himself. He shall not disturb the Moravians. Will follow His Lordship's advice and not extend his business too fast. Should Custom House officers be introduced asks to be appointed Collector. Would not encourage any meeting of adventurers respecting the bill for Canada. Had sent answers to Parker, which would probably be laid before His Lordship. His (Cartwright's) proposed regulations for the Labrador coast are, he thinks, best for the nation and for the adventurers. The tree cut by the beavers had, by mistake, been sent to John Hunter, the surgeon; sends a larger tree, stag's head, &c. On one of the rivers of the bay is a cataract 16 feet high which stops the ascent of the salmon; the pool below is full of them attracting many black and white bears; the offal they leave on the rocks attracts wolves, foxes and other carnivorous animals, so that the country is full of them.

5 *quarto pages.*

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1777.—"Memorandum concerning the Sealing and Salmon fishing Posts of Geo. Cartwright Esq. on the Coast of Labrador." The paper is undated, but is endorsed: "Capt. Cartwright's memorandum concerning his Salmon fisheries in Labrador, 1777." The statements are repetitions of the state of the fisheries and complaints of the power given to the Governor to decide whether any adventurer possesses more of the shore than is reasonable, as being extended to regulate the number of posts. He says: "If he be possessed of more salmon posts than others, it has been by risking more money in real discoveries and adventures, in taking more pains, encountering more difficulties and dangers, in suffering more crosses, failures, and disappointments than others. He has done all this under that hope and confidence of protection from Government which every honest and industrious subject has a right to expect," &c. He continues: "The Coast of Labrador is now indebted to him 8,000*l.*, besides his indefatigable labours for seven years." (The time stated in the last extract proves the date—1777—to be correct, as he began operations in 1770.)

3¼ *foolscap pages.*

1783, February 3. Marnham, near Twyford.—Cartwright to Dartmouth. Sends copy of Memorandum on Labrador; applies to be made Governor and hopes, from his knowledge acquired in Derbyshire, to discover veins worthy of attention.

1¼ *quarto pages.*

The paper enclosed, transmitted to Shelburne with a letter dated 27th January, 1783, *gives his (Cartwright's) views as to the regulations that should be made for the fisheries at Labrador. In the memorandum the difficulties of obtaining legal decisions in consequence of the transfer from Newfoundland to the jurisdiction of Quebec are pointed out for which cause crimes of all kinds constantly go unpunished, of which he gives instances. The resort to St. John's, Newfoundland, for justice would not be much better, owing to the loss of their trade that would be caused to litigants, &c., by going there. The precarious tenure of property, even under the provisions of the proclamation of* 1773. *But this partial security had encouraged him to explore to the northward, where he discovered valuable salmon rivers, and put a stop to the thefts and murders committed by the Esquimaux, amongst whom he lived. The stoppage to trade caused by the war, the whole coast having been plundered by the "Minerva" privateer from Boston. His plan to cure the evils is to erect Labrador into a Government of its own, with the necessary officials (enumerated). Suggests a code of laws, including security of property for the discoverer of valuable posts, the reservation of timber, the admission free of duty of all fish oils, skins, &c.*

6¼ *foolscap pages.*

1784 (?).—Unsigned and undated memorandum, calling attention to the outrages committed by the people of New England on the fisheries on the Newfoundland and Labrador Coasts.

5 *foolscap pages.*

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NEWFOUNDLAND.

1759, December 27.—Paper not signed. An argument for the exclusion of the French from the fishery of Newfoundland, as the best means to prevent the training of sailors for their navy. "It is very evident that the fishing trade is of more consequence to our Naval force than any other Single Trade whatever . . . . . and I doubt not it will appear that entirely excluding the French from the fishing Trade in those parts will be the most certain Insurance that can be made for a lasting Peace."

1¾ *quarto pages.*

1764, 1765, 1766.—Rough departmental jottings (four papers) respecting arrangements for Newfoundland, with calculations as to the produce of the French fishing, numbers of men, &c.

4 *quarto pages.*

1772, October 25. Harbour Grace.—Rev. Mr. Coughlan to Dartmouth. Had met with little success as a missionary; four or five souls had gone to glory, some are walking in the fear of the Lord, some are preaching from house to house. The state of his health impaired by the severity of the climate. The bitter hostility of the merchants; not being able to starve him out, they formed a design to poison him. Is there any hope of his obtaining a living from the Society or the Bishop of London?

2¼ *quarto pages.*

1773, January 23. St. James's Square.—Dartmouth to Townshend Sends copies of letters from the Governor of Newfoundland, with his report on the fortifications at Placentia and St. John's. Desires a personal conference before any official step is taken. Sends also papers respecting Carleton's propositions for a citadel at Quebec.

1½ *foolscap pages.*

Enclosures:—

Report from Shuldham, dated 2nd December 1772, *of the ruinous state of the fortifications of St. John's.*

2 *foolscap pages.*

Shuldham to Hillsborough, 30th September 1772, *report in minute detail, of the state of the defences of Placentia; the necessity of having a secure rendezvous for the people engaged in the shore fishery. Recommends the erection of a few batteries, to co-operate with the ships of war on the station, which alone might not answer for defence, as should they be called elsewhere, one armed sloop, with a few men, could, in the absence of the ships, burn the magazine and stores and at one blow destroy the fishery of twenty harbours for at least one year. Recommends moveable fortifications* [*that is ships*] *as the proper defence instead of extensive forts, &c. on the different bays of the island.*

12 *foolscap pages.*

1773, January 24.—Townshend's answer that he will see His Lordship on Tuesday evening to confer about the fortifications.

Rough copy. 1½ *quarto pages.*

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Sir Charles Frederick to Townshend, 25th January 1773. No reference has been made to the Board of Ordnance respecting the fortifications of Quebec. For St. John's, orders were given in March 1772, for a battery to be erected and a boom placed across the mouth of the harbour; all other projected works to be laid aside, Lieut. Pringle is to bring his proposals, plans, &c. to the Board, which will enable His Lordship to answer whatever questions Dartmouth may propose.
1 *quarto page.*

Observations on the proposed defences, undated, but which apparently refer to the preceding letter.

1773, January 26. Ordnance.—Board of Ordnance to Townshend. Pringle's plans for the defence of St. John's approved of, and, with His Lordship's approbation, orders shall be given to him to proceed to St. John's to carry them on with all possible dispatch. The boom ordered to protect the mouth of the harbour is in the Naval Department and orders must, therefore, be sent to the Admiralty to have it prepared.
1½ *foolscap pages.*

Note from Townshend to Dartmouth apologising for not waiting on him at the time appointed and making another appointment. Undated, endorsed 5th February 1773.
1 *quarto page.*

Dartmouth to Townshend, February. — 1773, refers the Board of Ordnance to the instructions formerly given respecting the defensive works at St. John's. Should it appear on consideration that they are inadequate, the Board is to report what alterations or additions may be necessary. With respect to Placentia, such additional defensive works may be erected as the Board may consider necessary, provided the Board has full information, otherwise a decision must be deferred till such information is obtained.
4¼ *foolscap pages. There are two copies.*

1773, February 17. Portman Square.—Townshend to Dartmouth. The Board of Ordnance and himself will lose no time respecting the defences of St. John's and Placentia.
1½ *quarto pages.*

1774, October 25. Montreal, Kent.—Sir Jeff. Amherst to Dartmouth. In event of the death of Bradstreet, requests that his brother may succeed him in the Government of St. John's, Newfoundland. The letter is endorsed: "Requesting the appointment of Gov. of St. John's for his Brother," [which is apt to mislead, the application being for Newfoundland. Bradstreet died in 1774.]
3 *quarto pages.*

1774, December 5. Bath.—Colonel Amherst to Dartmouth. Thanks for having laid before the King the application of Sir Jeff. Amherst for his (Col. Amherst's) appointment to the Lieut. Government of St. John's (Newfoundland).
1 *quarto page.*

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1775, April 22. "Centaur," Portsmouth.—Arthur Hayne to Dartmouth. Encloses a plan for encouraging the Newfoundland fishery. His proposal, as summarised in the letter is that two days should be set apart every week for the use of fish as an article of food, and the argument is that all attempts by legislation to reduce the cost of grain and meat being ineffectual, the reduction could be managed by his plan. In closing the letter, he says:—"All luxury, my Lord, of the Flesh kind; not only heightens the Price of Provisions; but tend to the industry, and the maintenance of a very few People; Whereas, all extravagance and luxury in the Article of Fish; were we to dress it Ten Thousand Ways—consume—Waste—destroy—fling it to the Vultures, or the Birds of Prey; We should but so much the more answer the wise ends and Purposes of Government; and contribute to the maintenance of a greater number of People."
2¼ *foolscap pages.*

The plan enclosed enters into elaborate calculations as to the quantity of fish that would be consumed, the number of ships, sailors &c. required; the saving in provisions, the vessels required to carry this saving to a foreign market &c.
2¼ *foolscap pages.*

1778, April 30.—Germain to Admiralty. Sends copy of instructions to Vice-Admiral Montagu, as Governor of Newfoundland, to take possession of Miquelon and St. Pierre, that similar instructions be sent by the Admiralty to Montagu, in his capacity of commander of His Majesty's ships.
¾ *foolscap page.*

1778, May 1. Whitehall.—Knox to Montagu. Sends him Germain's secret instructions.
½ *foolscap page.*

Copy of instructions enclosed, ordering an attack on the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, in consequence of the hostile attitude of France.
2¼ *foolscap pages.*

No date.—Memorial of Joseph Gorham to be continued as deputy agent of Indian affairs.
2 *foolscap pages.*

No date.—Memorial from Joseph Gorham for reimbursement for the losses he had sustained.
3 *foolscap pages.*

NOVA SCOTIA.

1760, February 16. Audley Square.—General Townshend to Gorham. Offers of service, when it is in his power.
1 *quarto page.*

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1764, July 11. Dearham.—Townshend to Halifax. Introduces and recommends Gorham to be appointed Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia.
1 *foolscap page.*

1766, March 10.—Memorial of McNutt to Lords of Trade. That he has now 12,000 settlers ready to enter upon lands. The terms settled by the Board in 1763 and confirmed by His Majesty were, that they should have liberty to choose their own representatives and town officers annually by ballot and in giving evidence those who shall choose may be permitted to hold up their hand instead of any other form. Applies for a charter for a city he intends to build at Cape Sable. He has been employed in surveying parts of Nova Scotia at a cost of £1,400. Has a vessel waiting at Liverpool and has three other vessels with whale boats which will remain unemployed till he returns to America; asks, therefore, for a speedy decision.
1½ *foolscap pages.*

1766, April 17.—Memorial of McNutt to the Lords of Trade. States the obstacles to the settlements he proposed to make in Nova Scotia, which frustrated his attempts, so that he returned to London to lay the case of himself and associates before their Lordships. States, as in previous petition, the privileges asked for by the settlers.
Undated. 14½ *large foolscap pages.*
Endorsed:—"Copy of memorial of Col. Alexander McNutt to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, delivered April 17, 1766." Notes on the petition follow, dated 25th April.

1766, April 28.—Paper endorsed:—"Heads of proposals for introducing settlers." The title is:—"Heads of proposals offered by Colonel Alexander McNutt for introducing settlers into Nova Scotia."
2½ *foolscap pages.*

1766, May 1. Devonshire Street.—Alexander Hay to Dartmouth. His services during the rebellion of 1745, when he was the means of saving the life of the Duke of Cumberland. His losses, on account of his zeal for the King's service, which compelled him to fly from Scotland and come to London to the protection of the Duke of Cumberland. Desires to settle lands in Nova Scotia. Recommends Francis White, a chairman to Lady Dartmouth, for employment in the Customs.
2½ *foolscap pages.*

1766, May 6.—Paper endorsed:—"Proposals delivered to the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations." The proposals are from McNutt, who suggests that if it be desired to postpone a settlement of the privileges asked for by him till the wishes of the people interested are known, he should be authorised to collect and transmit their sentiments.
1 *foolscap page.*

1766, May 16.—Paper endorsed:—"Reasons ag^{t} the reservation of timber." It prevents the clearing of land by the farmers and acts against the fishing industry, as the fisherman could not use enough to build a fishing vessel, and the settlers are entirely at the mercy of

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informers, ready to swear anything. To the farmers it makes little difference what kind of timber is reserved, whether "white pine, gopher, or shittim wood." The reasons are given in by McNutt acting as agent for the settlers, who also apply for two ports of entry and discharge, one at Jerusalem, the other at Pictou, as it is a great loss to the owners of ships to be obliged to go to Halifax and a much greater loss to the settlers. The obstacles the reservation places in the way of ship building to the advantage of Archangel where fir ships are built annually for British and Irish account. The effect of the reservation is to drive the farmer to cut down the young trees before they reach the prohibited girth. The caution to be observed in making such reservations; those who have no intention to settle will accept lands on any terms, but the settlers must be more careful.

4 *foolscap pages.*

1766, May 26.—Hints by McNutt to Dartmouth for his consideration, "as Heads of some of the articles of Instructions to the Gov^{r} of Nova Scotia." The hints are to give McNutt leave to survey and lay out townships anywhere not already under actual settlement, the grants to be made out to McNutt and his nominees, the fees for each township not to exceed £20.

1 *quarto page.*

1766, June 23.—Thomas Day to Dartmouth. Applies for a situation; is willing to go anywhere.

1 *quarto page.*

Endorsed:—"M^{r} Day of Nova Scotia."

1769, August 5. Whitehall.—Hillsborough to Sir W. Johnson. Asks him to continue Gorham in his office of deputy agent for Indian affairs in Nova Scotia, and to promote him if continued.

1 *quarto page.*

1772.—Paper endorsed: "The memorial of Cha^{s} N. G. Jadis, Esq. requesting a Reparation from Government of some Losses and Damage sustained by him from the Indians in Gage Township in 1771." The memorial represents his services, his settlement in Gagetown, the destruction by fire of his house and effects, the fire being deliberately set by the Indians. Depositions and other documents relative to the fire are enclosed.

The memorial 2¼ *foolscap pages, the other papers about* 8 *foolscap pages, although written on different sizes of paper.*

1772, August 28. Lambeth Marsh.—Jadis to Dartmouth. Calls attention to his losses and distresses; his memorial and case have been laid before the Lords of Trade. Unless speedy relief be granted will be cast into prison.

Enclosed is his case, giving an account of his birth, services, and the destruction by the Indians of his house and effects. A certificate of his conduct as an officer and gentleman, signed by Col. Clavering of the 52nd regiment, Guy Carleton, John Burgoyne and Philip Shene, each of the two latter signs as "late Major to the 52nd regiment," that being the regiment in which Jadis served.

The letter 2 pages, and the case 9 pages, both quarto.

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1772, September 4. Shirburn Castle.—Macclesfield to Dartmouth (?) Recommends Tonge for the appointment of Naval Officer at Halifax, vacant or likely to be so.
2 quarto pages.

1772, September 8.—Estimate of the number of families in the town of Louisbourg. At the end of the list is the quantity of fish shipped from Cape Breton, distinguishing the places where shipped. The name of the head of each family is given in the list.
4 foolscap pages.

1772, September 9. Sandwell.—Dartmouth to Lord W. Campbell. Acknowledges receipt of letter; on his return to town shall inquire into the situation of the Province of Nova Scotia.
1 quarto page.

1772, September 11.—Mrs. Jadis, apparently to Lady Dartmouth. Sends copy of the case of her husband, now before the Lords of Trade. Acknowledges the great kindness they have received from Lady Mary Hill.
1 quarto page.

1772, September 12. Main au Dieu (*sic*).—Proclamation by Governor Campbell, to prohibit the illicit taking of coal from Cape Breton.
2 foolscap pages.

1772, October 27. Canso.—Memorial of the principal merchants, inhabitants and traders of Canso, stating the great services to the fishery and trade rendered by Jonathan Binney, praying that a salary be granted to him, and that he be continued as first magistrate and Deputy Collector of Customs. There are seventy-four signatures, a copy.
2 foolscap pages.

1772, October 29. Halifax.—Mrs. Gould, apparently to Lady Dartmouth. On behalf of her husband, that he be confirmed as Naval Officer.
2 quarto pages.

1772, November 10. Placentia.—Joseph Gorham to Dartmouth, Applies for a situation to enable him to settle the claims against him on account of the losses he had sustained in respect to his lands in Nova Scotia.
2 quarto pages.

A copy of a recommendation from Townshend to Granby, dated 19th June 1769 is enclosed.
2¼ quarto pages.

1772, December 12. Clapham.—John Thornton to Dartmouth. Agrees in the propriety of refusing the application of James Fenton's brother.
1 quarto page.

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1772, December 13. Shirburn Castle. Macclesfield to Dartmouth. Acknowledges receipt of letter stating that Tonge is appointed Naval Officer at Halifax.
1 *quarto page.*

1773, March 31.—Jadis to Dartmouth. Calls attention to the prevalence of smuggling, of which Major Ville (Maugerville) is the centre, connived at by the magistrate and collector, both offices held by one person; the great loss to the revenue; the destruction of timber, &c.
3 *foolscap pages.*
Endorsed:—"Thoughts on the means to prevent Smuggling in the River St. John, in the Bay of Fundy."

Enclosure:—

A letter, dated Maugerville, 18th October 1771, *is enclosed from Israel Perley to Jadis, accusing the magistrate (Peabody) of abusing his office as judge and referring to the information Jadis has of Peabody's conduct respecting the duty on liquors, &c.*
3 *quarto pages.*

1773, August 18. St. James's.—Rochford to Dartmouth. Had laid Legge's request before the King as being entirely contrary to the established rule in the army.
1½ *quarto pages.*

There is a rough draught apparently of this request, unsigned and undated.
1 *foolscap page.*

Another document, unsigned and undated, respecting the conflicting claims for pay in the 55th regiment between Legge and Duncan. The writer was apparently acting on behalf of Duncan.
1¼ *foolscap pages.*

1773, August 24. Halifax.—Lord W. Campbell to Dartmouth (private). Previous to receiving the order to grant no more lands, he had allotted a small tract of about 400 acres to his little boy as a reminder hereafter that he had been born in the Province. Hopes that this will not be considered an infringement on His Majesty's mandate.
1½ *quarto pages.*

1773, September 8. Parliament Street.—Meyrick to Dartmouth. Legge's commission as Lieut.-Colonel of the 55th regiment was left in Dublin, sent to Rochford and cancelled. The only way to preserve Legge's rank is by a brevet commission as Lieut.-Colonel in the army.
½ *quarto page.*

1773, September 13. Parliament Street.—Meyrick to Dartmouth. Suggests for consideration whether a brevet to Legge as Lieut. Colonel in the army would interfere with the King's intention not to allow a Governor of a Province to hold a commission in a regiment. Tryon, Shirley, &c., hold their rank in the army.
½ *quarto page.*

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1773, October 22. Halifax.—Morris to Campbell. In accordance with orders reports on the lands to be reserved for timber. Cape Breton contains principally forest lands. The desirability of black birch, used for shipbuilding and wharves, very durable and not attacked by worms; black spruce is best for shipping and for masts for small vessels, but would serve for topmasts for the largest vessels. There is some pine, but the heavy gales on the coast cause shakes in the butts, from 10 to 20 feet up, above that they have often 40 to 60 feet fit for plank. Recommends that the whole island be reserved. The other is a tract of land on the St. John River above the settlements, to extend for 150 miles with a breadth of 25 miles on each side of the river. There are quantities of pine, oak, black birch, black spruce and other useful timber.

2½ *quarto pages.*

1773, December 9. Southampton.—Mauger to Pownall. The sad condition of Nova Scotia described in a letter from Butler, lately received. With the exception of Hopson, all the Governors deserved a halter rather than a government. Should Lord William Campbell, the late Governor, be so imprudent as to bring charges against Butler, trusts that before any decision is come to, he (Mauger) may be heard in defence. Recommends that James Monk, going to Nova Scotia, be appointed to the Council.

2 *quarto pages.*

1774, January 2. Shirburn Castle.—Macclesfield to Dartmouth. Transmits a memorial by Tonge to Legge. Tonge's appointment not having been agreeable to the late Governor (Campbell), his representations may not be absolutely free from partiality. Asks for a fair consideration of Tonge's case.

1½ *quarto pages.*

The memorial undated is enclosed. It complains that whilst preparing to regulate the office, to appoint deputies and to fix the fees, &c., he had been prevented by Campbell on the ground that he had mistaken the terms of his commission, which only appointed him to Halifax, with no power to appoint deputies or receive fees. Enters into details and submits the case to Legge's consideration.

3¼ *foolscap pages.*

1774, January 4. Halifax.—Legge to Dartmouth. Is afraid Meyrick has been importuning His Lordship too much in respect to the continuance of his rank. Shall write Meyrick not to trouble His Lordship more on that head; is perfectly satisfied and happy in his present situation. The mildness of the winter. Only money to make roads is wanted to make this one of the most flourishing provinces in North America; £500 a year well laid out for four years would be the making of the Province.

2 *quarto pages.*

1774, February 5. Whitehall.—Dartmouth to the Governor of Nova Scotia (Circular). Instructions sent respecting the disposal of land.

1½ *foolscap pages.*

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1774, February 5. Whitehall.—Dartmouth to Legge. Tonge's memorial has been considered. He is entitled to appoint deputies and to collect fees, but as the high salary was fixed before fees were allowed, if fees are collected the salary is to be discontinued. The East India Company have sent orders to their agents should the landing of tea be prohibited in the other Colonies, it is to be sent to Halifax. He is to afford the agents protection, although he is not apprehensive respecting the conduct of the people of Nova Scotia.

2 *foolscap pages.*

1774, February 15. Halifax.—A state of all the fees received by the judge and register of probate, since the fees were established by law being two years and a half.

2 *foolscap pages.*

1774, April 6. London.—Barré to Pownall (?) Requests, at the instance of Captain Gualy, that a situation may be found for Woodmass and his spouse, whom he may remember as Nancy Gualy.

2 *quarto pages.*

1773, [should be 1774], June 3. London.—Lord W. Campbell to Dartmouth. Gibbons is the author of the political remarks left with His Lordship. He lives in Halifax, is a good man and worthy of patronage.

The letter is correctly endorsed June 3, 1774.

½ *quarto page.*

1774, June 28.—Proceedings of Quarter Sessions dismissing a special jury illegally summoned to try the case of an information laid by Samuel Storr against Samuel Willoughby, John Chipman, Amos Bill and ——— Chipman (the Christian name of the latter is illegible, the paper being worn into a hole). The nature of the complaint is not given.

1 *foolscap page.*

1774, July 15. Halifax.—John Fenton to Dartmouth. His disappointment in the amount of income he expected to have when appointed Provost Marshal; asks to be removed as he cannot subsist on his place as it now stands. The importance of the office and the mischief that could be caused by a weak or wicked man.

1 *foolscap page.*

1774, August 18. London.—Lord W. Campbell to Dartmouth. Recommends Gibbons to succeed Duport as chief justice of St. John's Island.

1 *quarto page.*

1774, August 31. Halifax.—Gibbons to Lord W. Campbell. Sends an essay on the administration of justice in Nova Scotia of which many complaints have been made. Asks that the case be presented to the Minister in order to obtain a remedy.

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The document attached is entitled: "A Review of the past and present state of the Administration of Justice in Nova Scotia, shewing the deviations therein from the Mode of Jurisprudence in England the present and future bad consequences thereof to His Majesty's Government, and subjects in this Province, with a Plan humbly proposed for the Reformation of the same." An essay on the subject indicated in the title. His plan is to revoke the commissions of the Supreme and inferior Courts of Common Pleas and to erect two superior courts of general Provincial jurisdiction, one to be similar to the Court of King's Bench in England, the other with the powers of the two Courts of Common Pleas and Exchequer at Westminster.

15¾ *demy pages.*

1774, October 28. Council Chambers.—Address of the Council of Nova Scotia to Legge. In answer to a charge by the Assembly that the Council, in its legislative capacity, had acted in a manner detrimental and obstructive to the welfare of the Province. This charge is an attempt to make the Council responsible [to the Assembly] for its reasoning and opinions and, therefore, unconstitutional, so that their answer out of respect to the Governor must not be taken as a precedent. It explains the course taken by the Council in reference to the taxes embodied in the bill sent up by the Assembly, to the principles of which the Council could not assent, for reasons given.

6 *foolscap pages.*

1774, November 11. Halifax.—Report of a Committee on the accounts of the Treasurer, submitted to the Council.

12½ *foolscap pages.*

1774, November 29. Halifax.—Gibbons to Dartmouth. Asking for any situation that may be vacant in Nova Scotia, specifying the offices of Solicitor-General, Provost Marshal and Receiver General of quit rents.

4 *quarto pages.*

1774, November 29. Halifax.—Legge to Dartmouth. On account of the unsatisfactory discharge of the duties of Secretary, has appointed Alexander Morris first clerk in that office. Dissatisfaction of Bulkeley, the Secretary, who had appointed his son to that position, and, he understands, is writing to his friends to get the appointment of Morris set aside: asks that it be confirmed, so as to secure regularity in the discharge of the duties. All the public law business put into the hands of Monk, Solicitor General, who has acquitted himself satisfactorily. There is also a duplicate, dated 2nd December.

3 *foolscap pages.*

1774, December 4. Halifax.—Monk to Dartmouth. Owing to the unfitness of the present Attorney General all the public law business has been put into his (Monk's) hands. Applies for the office on Nesbitt's superannuation, to whom he will cheerfully render one half of the salary during his life.

3 *quarto pages.*

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1774.—Estimate by the House of Assembly for the civil establishment of Nova Scotia.
1 *foolscap page.*

1774 (?).—Address of the Assembly to Legge. That they will take steps to secure the public credit, but owing to the length of the session interfering with their private affairs and the severity of the season few of the members are present.
1½ *foolscap pages.*

1774 (?).—"State of Lt Colonel Gorham's affairs." His debts and the causes thereof, praying for relief.
2¼ *quarto pages.*

1774 (?). ——— to ——— (Dartmouth ?). Gives an account of the growth of the public debt of Nova Scotia and how it was caused by a series of dealings in respect to bounties &c., in which Francklin, the Lieut. Governor and his associates are charged with being concerned. The letter is not signed, but is in the handwriting of Gibbons.
8¼ *quarto pages.*

1774 (?).—"List of Staff Officers in the old Department of N. Scotia and Garrison of Louisbourg."
1 *foolscap page.*

A rough jotting is enclosed of names and apparently of salaries attached to each.

1775, January 10. Halifax.—Legge to Dartmouth. Had reported that the public records of receipts and payments in the hands of the late Treasurer had been suppressed; for the purpose of concealing some undue measures practised by a party here. The first Assembly was composed of persons solely under the influence of Mauger, then resident and now member for Poole. The means they adopted for securing power by squandering the money in the Treasury and the money borrowed on useless works, bounties &c., threatening the Governor and members of Council, many of them being officers of Government, with a refusal to vote their salaries, and, the members being traders, by keeping these members in debt; by granting to the distillers duties to exclude West Indian produce and through the influence of Mauger to fill the Council with their supporters so as to prevent any check on the Assembly. They have so monopolised the trade, that the Governor cannot introduce any measure for the public good, that is opposed to their interest, without complaint.
7 *foolscap pages.*

A representation by members of Assembly (unsigned and undated) to Legge enclosed, in support of Legge's statements.
2½ *demy pages.*

A cover loose, but which appears to have been used to cover these papers, is endorsed:—"Papers relative to the Cabal formed against Gov. Legge in N. Scotia."

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1775, January 12. Clapham.—John Thornton to Dartmouth. Sends extract from letter from Fenton of Halifax, and asking that he (Fenton) be appointed Receiver of the quit rents.
1 *quarto page.*

The extract from letter dated Halifax 18th November, 1774, is enclosed. It complains of his hard situation as Provost Marshal, the salary attached having been withdrawn and the income dependent on fees fixed by the Assembly, many of whom are emigrants from New England, who have brought the same principles as exist there and are determined, being a majority of the Assembly, to give the Governor and all the officers under him all the uneasiness in their power. The addition to his income of the salary (£50 or £60) of Receiver of quit rents would enable him to live.
4 *quarto pages.*

1775, January 17. London.—Lord W. Campbell to Dartmouth. John Shoolbred has communicated the contents of a memorial to be presented to His Lordship for lands on the river Rustigush (Restigouche) and asking for testimony as to the utility of his settlement in the Bay of Chaleurs and the expense and industry with which it has been carried on. "This I can do in the fullest manner; the settlement was begun during my Government of the Province, & from every account I have had, it promised to be very beneficial to the Trade & Manufactures of this Kingdom, & I think the Proprietors very deserving of every Encouragement."
1 *quarto page.*

The memorial (undated) is enclosed.
2½ *large foolscap pages.*

An undated paper entitled: "A short account of the Bay of Chaleur," stating its position, settlements, inhabitants and suggesting that religious instruction should be given to the Indians, who desire it. The country, he says, cannot be settled with good men without religious ordinances. This paper is probably of the same date as the memorial.
3 *foolscap pages.*

1775, January 27. Whitehall.—Dartmouth to Legge. His dispatches received and laid before the King and the Board of Trade. Their Lordships agree that the ability of the subject should be the measure of taxation and believe the proposition of the Assembly to tax indiscriminately lands cleared or uncleared is improper; he is not to give his assent to a bill of this nature. The proposal to extend the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court into some of the populous counties requires further consideration, although it does not seem to be liable to any material objection. It would have been an advantage to have had Chief Justice Belcher's opinion on it. An increase to the number of representatives should be made by legislation and not by instruction. His Majesty permits him to give his assent to a bill to give two additional members to the county and two to the town of Halifax and to reduce the quorum to nine, including the Speaker. His execution of the King's instructions for the sale of land approved of; the remuneration for survey is to be so much per hundred acres, in proportion to the trouble, but that must be left to his discretion and the amount charged against the sales of land.

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The ready compliance of the Assembly respecting a law for the reservation of lands has been graciously received. Will be happy if he can suggest any means for stopping the dangerous correspondence of the Acadians on Cape Breton with St. Pierre and Miquelon without further harsh measures towards those unhappy and infatuated people. Means to be taken to stop the taking away of coal from Cape Breton, except such as is required for the troops.

4 *foolscap pages.*

1775, February 10. Cavendish Square.—Barrington to Dartmouth. Returns Belcher's memorials and other papers respecting his claim to the moiety of the Governor's salary, of which six months had been paid by order of the War Office to Governor Ellis, appointed Governor on the death of Lawrence. Green had been paid under exactly similar circumstances in obedience to the spirit rather than to the letter of instructions. Belcher's is a hard case, and there being no military fund available recommends it to his Lordship's consideration.

2 *quarto pages.*

Belcher's memorials, one to Dartmouth (one page and three quarters), the other to the King (one page), both dated at Halifax, 5th December 1774, on foolscap. Copies of letters from the War Office, one from Barrington, 22nd May 1773 (one page foolscap), the other from Townshend, 26th July 1772 (one page foolscap).

1775, February 24. Whitehall.—Dartmouth to Legge. A clause in the Act to prevent waste and destruction to pines, &c., on reserved lands is represented to be prejudicial to the fishermen of Louisbourg; desires that this shall be remedied. To grant every reasonable indulgence to Laurence Kavanagh in the fishery he carries on from Louisbourg.

2 *foolscap pages.*

1775, March 18. Throgmorton Street.—Thomas Legge to Dartmouth. Asks leave to have the box containing papers, &c., returned. Shall do nothing more about the memorial he had intended to present respecting sheriffs for Nova Scotia, more especially as the inhabitants had held meeting to make resolutions in favour of their rebellious neighbours. Wishes he could forget he ever set foot on that continent which has been so injurious to his circumstances. Makes no claim but would be thankful to accept an office.

2 *quarto pages.*

1775, July 1. Halifax.—Annual account of the Orphan's House for the year ending on the 1st of July.

2 *foolscap pages.*

1775, July 8. Halifax.—Address from the Legislative Council to the King. Expressing their loyalty and attachment.

2 *foolscap pages.*

1775, July 31. Halifax.—Legge to Dartmouth. Gives an account of the proceedings of an inveterate party in Nova Scotia on which he had already reported, and the difficulties that may be caused owing to the unhappy state of affairs in America. The agitation caused by the

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leader and his partisans has delayed public business. The Assembly, acting with them, has sat for six weeks and done nothing, giving every opposition to him (Legge), led by a select party of members who have taken offence at being removed from the office of justices of the peace for exciting disturbances; these with debtors to Government formed the majority. The loyal addresses were prepared before the combination. Day, a member, who had resided for some time in Philadelphia and imbibed republican principles, is one of the agent victuallers of the army and assisted by Tonge, the Naval Officer, framed a petition to the King for lessening the power of the Governor, Council and officers of Government, to throw the whole weight of power into the hands of the Assembly. The bait held out to keep up a majority was that the debtors should be exculpated and every man's pocket filled with money; 20,000*l.* were to be emitted in paper by establishing a loan office, but no provision was made for taxes to meet the Treasury notes, of which 20,000*l.* were outstanding; the bill was rejected by the Council, causing great violence in the Assembly. Binney's affair made use of to increase the excitement. Laments that in so critical a time several officers of Government should by their conduct tend to make the Assembly absolute.

4 *foolscap pages.*

1775, August 18. Halifax.—Legge to Dartmouth. Recommends his Lordship to acquire for four or five of his sons 20,000 acres each, which would increase in value by the formation of settlements.

1½ *foolscap pages.* There are two copies of this letter.

1775, October 12. Halifax.—Ellis to Legge. Hears that a fleet is to winter at Halifax, if so some of the ships may be unprovided with chaplains. Asks for his (Legge's) influence to procure such an appointment.

1 *quarto page.*

1775, October 23. Council Chamber.—Address of the Legislative Council to Legge on the opening of the Legislature, testifying their zealous attachment to the King and their abhorrence of the daring spirit of rebellion. Shall do all in their power to frustrate any attempt to disturb the peaceful state of the Province.

2 *foolscap pages.*

An address of the Assembly, unsigned and undated, is of the same date. It is contained in the journals of Assembly of that date.

1½ *foolscap pages.*

1775, October 24. Dover Street.—C. Wintringham to Dartmouth. Sends packet from Monk and another from the author, who trusts that secrecy will be observed, as otherwise he would have a distressing life in Nova Scotia.

½ *quarto page.*

1775, November 2. Halifax.—Gorham to Legge. The resolution of Council that he should engage and form two or more companies of Indians and Acadians having been desired by His Excellency to be deferred or dropped, prays him to reconsider the matter in Council so

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as to exculpate him (Gorham) as he stands in the Council book accountable for the immediate prosecution of the measure. From the distressed situation of the Indians from the want of ammunition and provisions, the measure is an object requiring immediate attention.

1 *foolscap page.*

1775, November. Adelphi.—Burrow to Dartmouth. Had attended Lord [George] Germain, but had no opportunity to state the case. Asks if half an hour's interview can be obtained with Germain at his house. In a postscript he says the abolition of the office of inspector would be a triumph to Francklin and an injury to the Province, as he and his party boasted of the influence they possessed.

2 *quarto pages.*

1775, December 5. Yarmouth.—Report to Legge of an attack by two armed vessels from New England and some of the inhabitants carried off. Advice and protection are asked for.

2 *foolscap pages.*

1776, January 1. Halifax.—Petition of several members of the Council. It is signed by Jonathan Belcher, Henry Newton, Jonathan Binney, Arthur Gould and John Butler. Protest their fidelity and that they had formed an association to support and maintain with their lives and fortunes His Majesty's person, Crown and dignity, and to oppose attempts to seduce the inhabitants from their loyalty. Complain of the conduct of Legge since he became Governor, of which instances are given, and pray for relief.

7 *foolscap pages.*

Another petition to the same effect, from the principal gentlemen and inhabitants of Nova Scotia, is dated 2nd January. The two petitions are nearly identical.

1776, January 2. Halifax.—Francklin to Dartmouth. Has held the Commission of Lieut.-Governor for nearly ten years, and discharged his duty to the satisfaction of the King and his ministers. Had a right to expect attention and confidence from Legge, but on the contrary had been met with slight, neglect and sometimes rudeness. Has been silent but as it is asserted that Legge has made representations highly injurious to the character of the officers of Government and charges them and the inhabitants with being disaffected, he (Francklin) now asserts that such representations are totally untrue and without foundation, although it is true that Legge has by his conduct lost the confidence and affection of the King's best subjects. Had come to town to pay his respects to Commodore Arbuthnot and General Massey, but as he has no post in the military establishment of the colony, he can be of little assistance.

4 *quarto pages.*

1776, January 2. Halifax.—Arthur Gould to Dartmouth. Complains that Legge refuses to sign bills for the office rent and "fire money," always hitherto paid quarterly, to the great distress of the officers entitled to the allowance.

3 *quarto pages.*

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1776, January 3. Truro.—Representation and petition of the inhabitants of Truro against the Act for raising the militia and the Act for imposing a tax for its support.
4 *quarto pages.*

Another (undated) to the same effect from the County of Cumberland, entering into greater detail. It is endorsed 1775.
4 *demy pages.*

Another from Onslow to the same effect is endorsed 3rd October 1776, but this appears to be an error, as Legge left Nova Scotia in May of that year.
2 *foolscap pages.*

1776.—"Notes and observations upon the state of Nova Scotia in the year 1775, and the Petitions and Remonstrances against carrying certain Acts into execution, then judged by the Legislature necessary for putting the Province in the best state of Defence that the then circumstances of the People would then possibly admit and the Obvious Motives which actuated the Petitioners in their Opposition." It is chiefly taken up with a criticism of the address from Cumberland, as a type of the others, which, it is contended, shows their sympathy with the rebels and their intention to oppose the execution of the Militia Act. There is neither date nor signature; the handwriting is that of Gibbons.
8¾ *foolscap pages.*

1776, January 10. Halifax.—"Return of officers for garrison allowance of His Majesty's Loyal Regiment of Nova Scotia Volunteers." The names of the officers, with the dates of their commissions are given.
1 *foolscap page.*

1776, February 7. Halifax.—"State of His Excellency Governor Legge's Conduct and Proceedings with respect to Lieutenant Constable of His Majesty's Royal Fensible American Regiment of Foot." The offer of a company in Legge's regiment withdrawn in consequence of charges against Constable; the document contains an examination, correspondence, &c., on the subject.
19¼ *foolscap pages.*

1776, February 27. Plants. Office.—Cumberland to Legge. Had tendered Meyrick, his (Legge's) agent, his salary, but as Legge is expected shortly to return Meyrick thinks it better to retain the money till his arrival.
1 *quarto page.*

1776, February 27 Whitehall.—Lords of Trade to Legge. In consequence of complaints against him he is to prepare for his defence; the complainants are to have access to the necessary papers, &c., and he is to return to London. The charges, evidence, &c., to be exchanged between him and the complainants, and copies of the whole sent to their Lordships.
2¾ *foolscap pages.*

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A letter from Cumberland to Dartmouth forwarding the letter is enclosed.
1¾ *quarto pages.*

1776, February 27. Whitehall.—Knox to Legge. An immediate inquiry to be made into the occasion of the uneasiness and discontent said to prevail in Nova Scotia; letters from Germain and Lords of Trade will show what is expected of him. It will be a satisfaction to him to find that the Government in his absence will not be in the hands of a person whom he considers an adversary and connected with those who wish to render his government uneasy. Thanks for his attention to Ellis.
2 *quarto pages.*

1776, February 27. Adelphi.—Burrow to Dartmouth. His brother being willing to resign in his favour his office of Collector of Customs, asks his Lordship's influence to obtain the consent of North to the transfer. The letter is dated "Tuesday noon." The subject is stated in letter to Legge, dated 28th February, which was a Wednesday.
2½ *foolscap page.*

1776, February 28. London.—Burrow to Legge. Dispatches received. Soon after his (Legge's) dispatches were received, Binney and Tonge arrived with a whole cargo of complaints, memorials, &c., which they had left no engine unmoved to give effect to. His exertions to counteract them, and had presented to the Lords of Trade his (Legge's) letters, and that of Morris; with these and the assistance of Dartmouth a conviction was forced [on the Lords of Trade], which he was afraid had not at first been intended. States the plan of Legge's recall to lay the state of the colony before the King, a course not unusual, and by such order the full pay continues, which is not the case on leave of absence being granted. On his arrival the Lords of Trade are to examine into all the complaints; what documents he should have prepared to explain the position of affairs. Care has been taken that the proceedings carry no stain on him (Legge). The dismissal of the head of the party has disconcerted his (Legge's) opponents. Arbuthnot is to be Lieut.-Governor; has no doubt that he (Legge), if he chooses, will be back in October with a reputation that will attend him through life. The complaints have been managed with great art and every one who could be prevailed on has been induced to write something disagreeable, which occasioned a prejudice not easy to break through, which was shared by Germain who succeeded Dartmouth. The change in Germain's opinions on the case, but the difficulties of his position should any mishap befall the Province were no notice taken of the complaints. He (Burrow) has no doubt matters will be cleared up and the character of the complainants exposed, when the Province will flourish for at present it is neither worth governing nor living in. Should it be his own choice not to return after his character is cleared, he will receive marks of His Majesty's approbation in the military line. Cumberland professes great friendship and would not deliver the petition sent by the five Councillors; Monk cannot be too severe on Belcher. Binney and Tonge cut ridiculous figures at the Board and will receive no countenance from the Secretary of State or the first Lord of the Treasury and the "valiant Col." [Tonge] is now flying to the Board of Ordnance to be appointed an engineer and to fortify Cumberland; had dedicated time

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to prevent this. What papers should be brought over. Monk to be cautioned not to write so much; Cumberland hinted that he was not his (Legge's) friend. His own private arrangements and his desire that his wife, now in Nova Scotia, should join him in London.
8 *foolscap pages.*

A table of fees (undated) established to be taken by the Governor is enclosed in the preceding letter.
1 *foolscap page.*

1776, February.—Burrow to Dartmouth. Has learned that Tonge is taken by the hand by the Board of Ordnance and to be sent as engineer to Cumberland county, where Francklin has influence and which was the first place to oppose the Militia Act. Tonge's bad character, Binney's inability to establish before the Board of Trade the charges against Legge.
4 *quarto pages.*

1776, March 2. London.—Burrow to Dartmouth. That he has been tracing the author of an anonymous letter and believes that it was written by Butler and handed to the printer by a man in disguise. He (Burrow) and his brother will call on Monday respecting the offer of the latter to resign in his (Burrow's) favour. Dated only "Saturday." For conjectural date see letter from Burrow of 27th February.
4 *foolscap half pages.*

1776, March 4. London.—Burrow to Dartmouth. Had been informed that Legge is to be recalled to answer the complaints against him. Hopes that Binney and Tonge who are applying for reward will not be listened to.
3 *foolscap pages.*

1776, March 7. Cornwallis.—Chipman to Henry Denny Denson. Encloses affidavits from Captain Ferrel and Lieutenants Green and Pinco respecting the threats of Samuel Willoughby to stop recruiting for Legge's regiment. The affidavits of same date are with the note.
In all 2½ *quarto pages.*

1776, March 8. Halifax.—The Governor reported to the Council that the Lieut. Governor had informed him 300 men in the townships of Windsor, Newport, Falmouth, Horton and Cornwallis and 200 men in Cobequid and Cumberland were ready to enrol themselves for the defence of the Province and asked for advice. The Council was of opinion he should proceed to the enrolment.
1½ *foolscap pages.*

1776, March 8. London.—Burrow to Legge. Had written him on the 27th (the letter referred to is dated the 28th February). Refers to his public and private dispatches. Dartmouth is determined that the matter shall be searched to the bottom. Germain's opinions of the people are now different from those he held. Anonymous letter received full of invective, apparently from the distiller; believes he has destroyed any effect it might have had. Has hopes of success in the proposal to succeed his brother; hopes for the arrival of Mrs. Burrow, &c. P.S.—9th March.

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The success of the Government and weakness of the Opposition; 22,000 foreign troops engaged for America, with a fleet of 70 sail under Howe; is in hopes this year will see an end of the contest. Report that Carleton is recalled and Burgoyne to take his place. Other military news, &c.

4 *foolscap half pages.*

1776, April 11. Halifax.—Proceedings of a court of inquiry held in the Loyal Regiment Nova Scotian Volunteers. A dispute between two of the officers at roll call.

3½ *foolscap pages and* 1 *page respectively.*

1776, May 6. Halifax.—"Distribution of subsistence to the Commission and Staff Officers of His Majesty's Loyal Regiment of Nova Scotia Volunteers." The names and allowances of the officers are given in detail, with the amount on the credit side of bills drawn.

2 *foolscap pages.*

1776, May 6. Halifax.—Distribution of 61 days' subsistence to His Majesty's Loyal Regiment N. S. Volunteers. There are two accounts, one to 24th April, the other to 24th June, but both dated 6th May.

Each 2 *foolscap pages.*

Same date. Contingent expenses for the same regiment.

1 *foolscap page.*

1776, June 1. Halifax.—Binney to Legge. His grateful sense of favours received. Gossip respecting officers, &c. Mentions that Queen Anne had attended every day at the trial of Dr. Sacheverell. (This appears to be intended to meet the charge against Legge of attending during a trial, and thus influencing the decision of the Court).

2 *quarto pages.*

1776, June (?).—"The Reply of Francis Legge, Esquire, Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, to the Petitions presented to His Majesty against him." Part of the proceedings before the Lords of Trade, whose report on the investigation is dated 25th July 1776. There are two copies of the "Reply," both of which are undated.

One is 12½, *the other* 9½, *foolscap pages, but the difference consists in the writing, the contents being the same.*

1776, June.—"The case of the Defaulters of Government in the Province of Nova Scotia, and particularly Jonathan Binney, Esq., fairly Stated and Candidly examin'd being Governor Legge's Defence of his Conduct from the Imputations and Charges brought against him in these respects." Apparently one of the documents laid before the Lords of Trade during the investigation into Legge's conduct.

11¾ *foolscap pages.*

1776, June (?).—Paper endorsed: "Copy of a paper presented to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations by Jonathan Binney, Esq." The charges against Legge and statements in support of them are in parallel columns.

2¼ *foolscap pages.*

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1776, July.—Memorial of Legge to the Treasury for repayment of his expenditure as Governor, for expenses of his coming to London in obedience to orders and the cost of his living there, and praying that an order be obtained for the payment of £1,550 for his reimbursement.
1 *foolscap page.*

1776, July 25. Whitehall.—Report of the Board of Trade on the complaints against Legge. These are summarized under four heads. The recommendation is in these words:—"That your Governor through the Course of his Administration hath been wanting in that Gracious and Conciliating Deportment which the delicacy of the times and the Tempers of Men under agitation & alarm more particularly demanded, for want of which those upright intentions which he carried with him into Government became in great part fruitless and abortive and so general a ferment and dissatisfaction spread through the Province, that it became necessary for your Majesty to call him home to answer to the complaints exhibited against him." These complaints and observations are now before His Majesty, "and though we trust they will upon examination be found to furnish no such serious and well grounded matter of misconduct, as to cause your Majesty to withdraw your Royal favour and confidence from Mr. Legge upon future occasions," yet seeing the satisfaction his recall has given, they cannot think "it will be for your Majesty's service, that Mr. Legge should be allowed (for the present at least) to return to Nova Scotia for the purpose of reassuming the administration of that Government."
13½ *foolscap pages.* There are also two incomplete copies of this report, one the beginning the other the end of it.

1776, September 5. Salisbury Street.—Burrow to Dartmouth. Owing to the "abdication" of officers of the Customs in Nova Scotia begs that he may be recommended for employment there should his brother's proposal to resign in his favour not be thought proper. Monk appointed Attorney-General in Quebec, to make room, he thinks, for Brenton to succeed to that office in Nova Scotia.
2 *quarto pages.*

1776 (?).—Memorial from Binney for a salary.
½ *quarto page.*

1778.—Legge to Dartmouth. Reminding His Lordship of the memorial presented upwards of two years previous for payment of the expenses he had incurred as Governor and in consequence of his recall and asking for His Lordship's influence to have payment made. Undated. The memorial referred to was written in July 1776.
1½ *foolscap pages.*

1802, June 1. London.—Printed acknowledgment of subscriptions, books, &c., for the library of King's College, Nova Scotia, and appeal for further assistance.
3 *printed foolscap pages.*

N. D.—Memorial from William Shirreff for the pay of his late father, appointed Judge-Advocate of the forces at Annapolis Royal in 1718, without salary. And on the recommendation of a Board of

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General Officers a new commission was issued in 1730 with a salary attached; the arrears of which amount to £2,774 sterling. (In the body of the memorial it is stated that Shirreff, the memorialist, has served for 25 years. His first commission, so far as can be traced, was given the 25th of June 1755, so that the possible date of the memorial is 1780.

3 *foolscap pages.*

An extract from the report of a Board of General Officers, on the petition of William Shirreff of 10th July 1730, is enclosed.

2 *foolscap pages.*

No date.—"A plan for settling a Township to consist of one Hundred thousand acres, with an Estimate of the Expence." The amount to be settled, reserved, &c. is shown to be 20,000 acres, leaving 80,000 to be disposed of by the proprietors.

1 *foolscap page.*

No date.—List of His Majesty's Council, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

¾ *quarto page.*

No date.—Burrow to Dartmouth. Sends letters received from Legge. The warmth of sentiment they breathe; the desperate state of the faction which opposes him &c.

2 *foolscap pages.*

No date.—Memorial of McNutt respecting settlements and grants of land.

4 *foolscap pages.*

ISLAND of St. JOHN.

1763 and 1764.—Lord Egmont's proposals for settling the island, for the whole of which he asks a grant, with other documents from proposed associates, &c. There are two parts, printed, each 32 pages octavo. The first part contains the proposed laws, the names of the associates, &c. The second part, correspondence, reports of the Lords of Trade and other papers respecting the settlement.

1768.—Jotting on a slip of paper of 20,000 acres in St. John Island originally granted to John Dickeson, and on his death to David Dickeson.

1772, August 27. Dublin.—Desbrisay to Dartmouth. Sends memorial from Samuel Smith, agent for St. John's, praying for roads on the island, and for a detachment of troops to assist in public works.

1½ *quarto pages.*

A memorial corresponding to that described in the letter is dated 30th December 1772, and follows the preceding letter.

1772 (?) Petition of Michael Swan for payment of a bill granted to him by Callbeck, Attorney-General of St. John's Island for money

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advanced, Callbeck being protected by his position from suits that might otherwise be brought against him.
1½ *foolscap pages.*

1773, May 13. London.—Desbrisay to Dartmouth. Encloses proposal for peopling the island of St. John.
½ *quarto page.*

Enclosed:—A printed proposal from Emanuel Lutterloh to furnish 4,000 *families as tenants and settlers on estates in the island.*
Printed. 2 *foolscap pages.*

1773, May 20. Litchfield.—Desbrisay to Dartmouth. Suggests his purchasing a lot of land in the island. Christie has offered to sell his lot, offers to act as agent for the purchase and management, without charge. The revenue to be expected from the investment.
1½ *quarto pages.*

1773, August 28. Dublin.—Desbrisay to Dartmouth. Sends forms of power of attorney and lease respecting lands in St. John's island, to serve as a model for His Lordship's lands in Florida. Sir Charles Saunders has offered to sell him (Desbrisay) his lands in St. John's Island, which he offers to transfer to His Lordship for the same price as that to be paid to Sir Charles, and to resume possession should the purchase not be advantageous to His Lordship.
2 *quarto pages.*

Enclosed:—Form of a Power of Attorney (1 *page foolscap, printed*); *Form of lease* (1 *page large parchment, printed*).

1773, September 24.—Charlotte town.—Memorial of Chief Justice Duport, Callbeck, Attorney General, Allanby, Provost Marshal and John Budd, Clerk of the Crown, represents that the island was constituted a separate Government from Nova Scotia, on the agreement of the proprietors to pay such quit rent as would meet the charges. That this quit rent has not been paid, so that there is no fund to pay their salaries, from which cause they have suffered great distress, having filled their respective offices for four years without remuneration. Memorialists pray that their salaries be secured to them in such manner as shall seem best to His Majesty.
1¾ *foolscap pages.*

1773, November 22. Dublin.—Desbrisay to Dartmouth. Has withdrawn his advertisement for tenants for his lands in St. John's Island in consequence of His Lordship's displeasure. Had not attempted to obtain tenants except with the leave of the proprietors and encloses note from Lord Hertford's agent in proof of this.
1½ *quarto pages.*

The note is enclosed.
1 *quarto page.*

1773 (?)—Memorials of the proprietors showing the disadvantages arising from the want of a proper survey of the island by retarding

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settlement, &c., praying that a resident surveyor should be appointed and nominating John Robinson for the office.
1 *foolscap page.*

1773 (?)—"Suggestions concerning the Island of St. John in North America." The salaries of the officers were to be paid out of the quit rents; this has not been done, and they wish Government to pay them, the proprietors complain that the quit rents are too high. Suggests that an Assembly be called which could pass a law to authorise the sale of lands for the payment of quit rents. The Governor complains of the insufficiency of his salary, and has presented, or will present, a petition to the Treasury for relief. The cause of the extraordinary expense is the accommodation of strangers, there being no hotel in the capital, and the expense will increase should an Assembly be called. The sum of 500*l.* wanted for making roads. The Naval Officer has no salary; until the trade would warrant the imposition of fees, he should be paid a salary.
1½ *foolscap pages.*

A loose jotting appears to relate to the preceding document. The Assembly was first called in 1773, so that the date of this document cannot be later than that year.
1 *foolscap page.*

1774, February 12. Dublin.—Desbrisay to Dartmouth. Would have been in London before, but for an attack of scarlet fever. To assist His Lordship in the disposal of his lands in East Florida, encloses his terms and conditions for the sale of his lands in St. John's Island and Lutterloh's proposals for tenanting the same. The seller for 20,000 acres will have £10,000 in five years and the purchaser by advancing £2,102 will have £2,000 for ever. Since he has been forbidden to take tenants from the United Kingdom, has adopted this method of settling his lands.
3 *quarto pages.*

Lutterloh's proposals enclosed are the same as those sent on 13th May 1773, *with the addition of a certificate of his position. Proposals by Desbrisay, also enclosed, for selling and tenanting lot* 31, *showing the cost to the purchaser and returns.*
2 *foolscap pages. Printed.*

1774, March 15. Barrington to Pownall. Encloses an application from Adair, surgeon, to be laid before Dartmouth.
1 *quarto page.*

An application (undated) from Adair is enclosed, applying for a small spot of ground near Georgetown, a quarter of a mile from his lot, to be used for erecting fish stages.
1 *quarto page.*

1774, March 31. Berners Street.—General Worge to Dartmouth. Complains that land sold by him to Desbrisay had been disposed of by the latter in such manner as to defeat the claims he had in it for payment of mortgage.
2 *quarto pages.*

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1774, May 1. Piccadilly.—Desbrisay to Dartmouth. Has settled with General Worge to that gentleman's satisfaction. Thanks for the recommendation he expects for the salary of £200 as Lieutenant Governor, but presses for a decision.
2 *quarto pages.*

1774, May 11. London.—Desbrisay to Dartmouth. Transmits resignation of the Rev. Mr. Caulfield. Will be thankful should his son be chosen to succeed as Governor's chaplain.
1 *quarto page.*

The resignation by Caulfield is enclosed, dated Dublin, 12th April.
½ *quarto page.*

1774, May 15.—Memorial of Desbrisay for the appointment of his son to be Governor's chaplain of St. John's. The date is endorsed.
1 *quarto page.*

1774, August 6. London.—Desbrisay to Dartmouth. Encloses certificate in favour of his son, signed by the Bishop of Waterford and others. Should his son be recommended for the office of chaplain, it shall be acknowledged with gratitude.
1 *quarto page.*

The certificate is enclosed.
½ *quarto page.*

1774, December 10. Somerset House.—Desbrisay to Dartmouth. Sends description of two lots of land made by Clarke, a Quaker, who went to settle on St. John's Island. Again recommends His Lordship to purchase the two lots as an investment.
1½ *quarto pages.*

A short description in tabular form is enclosed.
¼ *quarto page.*

1774, December.—Earl of Warwick to Dartmouth. Encloses a request for the appointment of Peter Stewart to be Chief Justice of St. John's Island.
1 *quarto page.*

The request to Warwick enclosed.
1½ *quarto pages.*

1775, June 15. Hon. John Yorke to Dartmouth. Reminds His Lordship of a promise Desbrisay believes was made him on the application of Sir Joseph Yorke.
1 *quarto page.*

Copy of the answer is placed with this, that such promotion shall be made as his qualifications may seem to warrant.
1 *quarto page.*

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1775, June 21. Somerset House.—Desbrisay to Dartmouth, applies to be appointed to Granada or any other Government. Encloses memorial.
1 *quarto page.*

The memorial, of same date, enclosed, offers to raise a battalion of 500 men for service in America.
1 *foolscap page.*

1775, July 18. Dublin.—Lord Ligonier to Desbrisay. Is unable to assist him with Dartmouth, not being acquainted with His Lordship. Recommends him to apply to Sir Joseph Yorke.
1 *quarto page.*

1775, July 24. Charlottetown.—Thomas Wright to Dartmouth. Governor Patterson has a memorial to present on his (Wright's) behalf, relative to his situation as chief surveyor of the island; the injury he and his family would sustain by removal, the expense he has incurred, &c. It is endorsed "Nova Scotia" through error.
1 *foolscap page.*

1775, July 27. Somerset House.—Desbrisay to Dartmouth. Has been informed by Callbeck that Patterson does not intend to leave the island this year. That means a loss to him (Desbrisay) of half the Governor's salary and perquisites, and with no salary attached to his office of Lieutenant Governor and personal fortune, it would be miserable to go to a desolate island; asks leave, therefore, to remain for a year in hope of obtaining a Government or he would raise a battalion of 500 men at his own expense, on condition of being appointed to the command, naming his own officers to be selected from half pay. Is unhappy that Lord Ligonier is not acquainted with His Lordship; encloses his letter (*see* 18th July).
2 *quarto pages.*

1775 (?).—Memorial by Desbrisay for a salary to him as Lieutenant Governor. There are two copies.
1 *foolscap page.*

1775 (?).—Memorial of Desbrisay offering to raise a Company to consist of a Captain, three lieutenants and one hundred men to be employed for seven years in making public roads, he to be captain without pay and to select the three lieutenants.
1 *foolscap page.*

1775 (?).—C. Greville to Dartmouth (?). The training of Peter Stewart in the profession of law; he is a large landed proprietor in St. John's Island, has expended a considerable sum in the cultivation of his property and has sent out nearly 200 people who have been settled above two years. Apologises for mentioning Stewart after having recommended Grant. If appointed, Government will not have a more proper person in its pay from his qualifications, which are detailed. [The letter is without date or address. It was written in answer to inquiries as to Stewart's fitness for the office. Lord Dartmouth was Colonial Secretary from August, 1772, to January, 1776; Stewart was

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appointed Chief Justice in 1775, which is most probably the date of the letter.]

1776, March 20. Leicester Square.—Patterson to Dartmouth. His confidence in His Lordship's kindness to preserve him and his family from ruin. All his business is stopped at the Treasury and it appears as if it would rest there or be determined against him. Asks for His Lordship's mediation and will call to explain more fully.
2 *quarto pages.*

1776. "Observations on the Island of St. John in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; chiefly setting forth the advantages that must arise from the settlement of it to Great Britain, and offering some Reasons why at the juncture it may prove particularly advantageous to give it extraordinary encouragement, &c." From the situation of the island it can never be a manufacturing country but must always "tempt the inhabitants to run into trade and the fishery." The ill-treatment of the inhabitants and especially the Indians by the New Englanders, who obtained the furs of the latter by giving them rum and a bad imitation of wine. The advantage to Great Britain of trade carried on from St. John's instead of from New England, especially during the present state of the Colonies. If Government held out encouragement, many loyal people from New England would fly there for safety. The error in the first establishment of a separate Government in 1769, providing for the salaries of the officials from quit rents, as in nearly seven years these did not amount to as much as would pay them for a year and a half. Proposes that the island should be put on a footing similar to the other American Colonies, giving the officers salaries sufficient to support their respective ranks. The paper is endorsed, "Gov. Patterson's Observations on the Island of St. John." It was probably written in London.
9½ *foolscap pages.*

Undated. "A Description of the Island of St. John, in the Gulph of St. Lawrence, North America." The description is in a bound *MS.* volume, the information given in tabular form, with note of the quality of the land in each lot, the boundaries of which are given, a list of proprietors being at the end.
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